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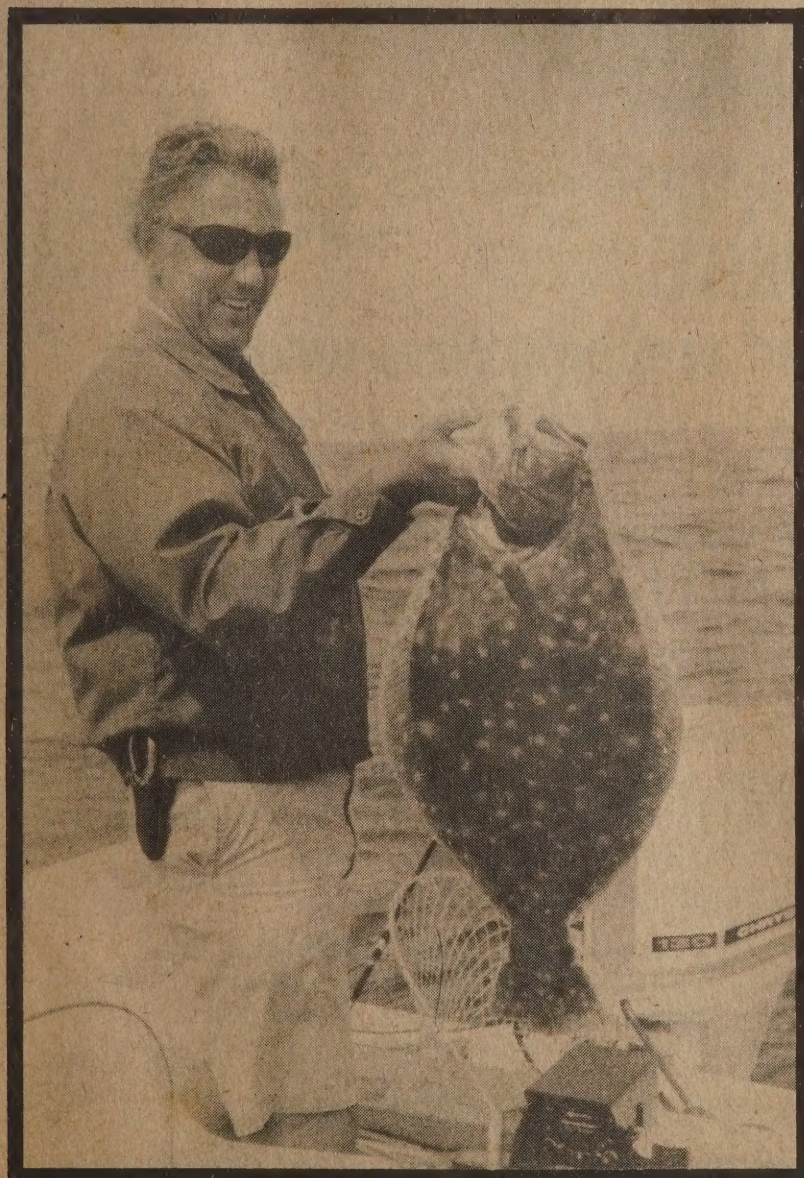

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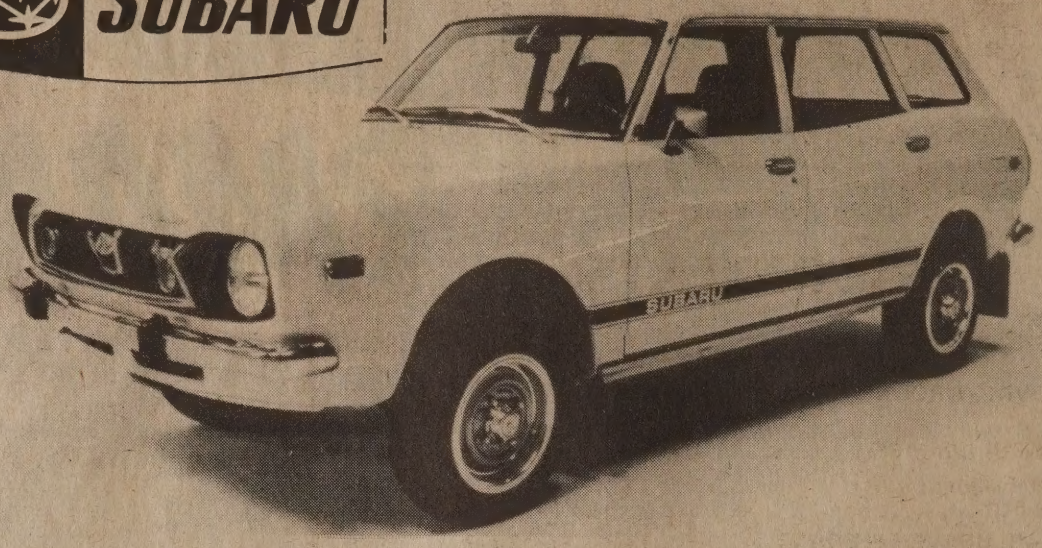

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The Truth about Stripers!

I am writing this letter to expose a cruel and remarkably widespread hoax that has been perpetrated on the American public.

Open any fishing magazine and you will see a minimum of five photographs of smiling anglers holding mammoth stripers, you will also see at least that number of ads for new and improved striper lures. These photographs and ads have spurred myself and countless thousands to purchase poppers, swimmers, eels, and other artificials in the hopes of raising just one elusive striper.

I began fishing for stripers in 1969, and continued until late 1973, and met with the usual success of avid striper fishers, a generous selection of blues, weaks, macks, and fluke and no bass. Admittedly, I was becoming skeptical of their very existence, but I had no inkling of the heinous plot I would soon uncover.

In early 1974, I began to sense that something was wrong. I reached a state of near paranoia. I knew then that I must see this through, I must find proof of my suspicions. I started by collecting various fishing magazines from across the east coast and came up with an amazing discovery, all the bass pictured weighed either 48, 32, 23, 17, or 4 lbs.! I figured something was up so I attempted to contact the pictured anglers. None of these people existed!

Who was responsible for this hoax?

What were the reasons?

How was this accomplished?

I contend that the striper is in reality the brainchild of one Douglas G. Cassidy, President of Cassidy, Futrick and McNee advertising agency in Manhattan. He admitted to me personally that he came up with the idea of the striper to bolster the sales of his clients, the Amalgamated Lure Makers of America (ALMA) However, he subsequently denied this allegation at a Senate subcommittee hearing.

In our private talks, Mr. Cassidy outlined his campaign. Sales of the members of ALMA had been declining and Cassidy knew that the best way to increase sales is to reach a new, untapped consumer segment or offer the existing consumers a new product. He accomplished both with an incredible marketing coup. He invented a new fish, the Striped Bass! He gave it the most attractive attributes, it is to be beautiful, plentiful, delicious, and most important, can be caught only with special $5 lures. Cassidy then had to arouse public interest, he bought a 4 lb. small mouth in Ohio and had stripes tatooed on it's sides. He then hired people to pose with the fish. His art department came up with a series of shabby devices including trick photography and liberal use of midgets to provide "proof" of its' size and availability. As further proof of its size, he even managed to get a law passed protecting those under 17" in length!

As one might expect, lure sales skyrocketed! Decals were sold and even books were published revealing the secrets of catching the striper!

It is my fervent hope that this letter will put an end to the most successful publicity stunt since the kidnapping of Frank Sinatra, Jr. **Michael Miskel, Quogue, New York.**

You could be right. I've been having the same thoughts about the alledged White Tail Deer. This might be the work of the same culprit. For 5 years now I've been searching with not so much as a sighting. I could just picture him in the woods spreading those little pellets and running with a white tail which he latter uses for striper lures.

CONTESTS & TOURNAMENTS

"Top of List"

The Striper Surf Club Inc. is pleased to find itself at the top of the list for surf caught Striped Bass among all New York Clubs in the latest Schaefer Fishing contest release. The club has won Schaefers New York surf division the last three years, but has always had to come from behind with heavy fall entries.

Membership committee recently suggested adding a few members to the roster while there would still be time for them to take advantage of the regular meeting classes before the heavy fall fishing sets in.

For membership info call Joe Sorrantino at (516) 826-8657, or Stu Peltz at (212) 897-0328.

Surfcasting For Accuracy Tournament

A surf casting for accuracy tournament will be sponsored by the Long Island State Park and Recreation Commission and the Garcia Corporation on Sunday, September 7, 1975 at 10:00 A.M. at Parking Field #2. Entries should be mailed and received before Wednesday, Sept. 3, 1975. Registrations will not be accepted after 12 noon on Sept. 7, 1975. Contestants may compete in only one division either spinning or conventional. This accuracy contest will be an open contest for men and women. Minimum age is 16 years.

12 Lesson Safe Boating Course

Flotilla—19-4 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct a twelve (12) Lesson Safe Boating Course on the Basic Rules of Boating Safety, at the Stony Brook Yacht Club in Stony Brook, N.Y.

This course begins Tuesday, September 2, 1975 at 8:00 P.M., (20-00 Hours) and each Tuesday, there-after. There will be a nominal cost for class materials.

Boat owners and future boat owners and their families 16 and over are welcome. Certificates will be given to those who successfully complete this course. For information, contact the Public Education Officer at 265-3694 or Growth and Retention Officer at 751-7452.

Boating Course

The Islip Flotilla (L-3) of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering the Basic Seamanship and Safety Courses at the Islip Occupational Center (BOCES) on 375 Locust Avenue in Oakdale, New York starting September 30, 1975 at 8:00 P.M.

This series consists of Boating Safety, Sailor's Language, Boat Handling, Legal Requirements, Rules of the Road, Aids to Navigation, Compass and Charts, Motors, Sailboats, Knots, Weather and Communications.

For further information the public education officer is available in the evenings at 581-1644.

Free Boating Course

South Shore Power Squadron is offering to the public a free 10 lesson boating course, available to all men, women and children at the following locations:

This course will be from 8 P.M. to 10 'p.m. at Freeport Senior High School, So. Broodside Avenue on September 9, 1975, at East Meadow High School, Carman Avenue on Sept. 24, 1975, at Oceanside Senior High School, Brower Avenue on September 24, 1975 and at Plainview Old Bethpage Junior High School on Stratford Road on October 1, 1975.

The course will cover handling under normal conditions, handling under adverse conditions, seamanship and common emergencies, rules of the road, aids to navigation, compass and chart familiarization, running lights and equipment, boat trailering, inland boating, and mariner's compass and piloting.

For additional information, please call toll free, 800-243-6000.

Hydraulics:

Part 1V: BLUEFISH

by Charles Joseph Stephen

The phenomenon of hydraulics and its pronounced effect on the behavioral characteristics of marine fish species is only indirectly evidenced in the blue-fish (**Pomatomus Saltatrix**).

The bluefish stands alone in its family, having as its nearest cousins the pompanos. On the Atlantic Coast, blues range from Maine to or beyond Venezuela. The United States catch for commercial fisheries, 1973, was over 4,000,000 pounds.

Like the bonito, bluefish are a highly predatory form of school fish that are governed by their ability to locate and feed on smaller schooling fish species: They are terrors among smaller fish. After they have fed to their fullest capacity, they continue the destruction, killing many more than they can eat.

There are usually a few struggling herring and mackerel schools in the Sound when the blues come in, but as a rule they follow the schooling movements of the menhaden or mossbunker. Hence, to locate the blues, one simply has to locate the bunkers.

My primary concern is with telling fishermen how, where, and when to take fish. I am not a politician, but you can not talk about blues unless you realize that their life depends on the bunker population and the tonnage of this species taken by commercial fishing in our Sound.

The 1973 United States fisheries catch yielded 2,097,239,000 pounds of menhaden. That figure represents better than two-fifths of the entire fisheries catch on all fish species for that year. If we are without bunkers, we are without blues.

It is not bad enough, but a country with the wealth of the United States and the high per-capita income of its people, have enabled this nation to indulge their whims for soap, fertilizer and chicken feed rather than for inexpensive food staples to fill our own needs for nutrition.

Last year, as the bunkers first appeared and the trawlers scratched deeply into the Sound, the blues and the bunkers were still plentiful. Within three weeks, the trawlers were gone and so were the blues because the bunkers had been, for all practical purposes, eliminated.

Bunkers are plankton feeders. They enter the Sound when warm water and sunlight produce a bumper crop of plankton and other small crustaceans in our waters. Bunkers, feeding continiously during their migration, consume enormous quantities of plankton growth. Did you notice the color of Sound water last July when the trawlers had finished their work?

Plankton grows more readily on and near the surface, since sunlight is essential in their nutrient-gathering processes. Therefore, the majority of bunkers are found feeding on the surface, but only when certain conditions exist.

The bunker is an extremely shy creature that spooks easily. Understandably so, since he spends the majority of his life dodging blues. Rain, high winds and rough water will all send the bunkers to the safety of the bottom. The sound of a loud outboard, the passing of a sailboat through their flanks or even the presence of a single bluefish in a well-fed school will send them all straight down.

Hunger will help the bunker overcome one fear only, fear of bluefish, and that's when the conflagration begins. On a calm day it is not uncommon to find a school of bluefish sweeping in destruction, like wolves on a fold, through a school of surface-feeding bunkers. Many fishermen have witnessed such violent feeding activity a square acre in size.

As a matter of fact, on a calm day you can locate feeding schools by looking for irregularities on the water coupled with swarming seagulls that only dip their bills into the water in search of food. You'll find that a good pair of field glasses is an enormous aid in locating such schools.

The strong influence of hydraulics is obviated by the fact that current and water motion in Long Island Sound is predominantly circular, with the heaviest water movements occurring no more than a few hundred feet from shore. This forces plankton along a tidal route that extends along both shorelines of the Sound. Hence, concentrate your efforts at surface locations here.

Two of the best baits for blues are bunker and eels. Live bait is best, but impractical to get, so most fishermen use a bunker spoon of sorts for surface fishing, or troll surgical tube "eels" on wire lines when the fish are deep.

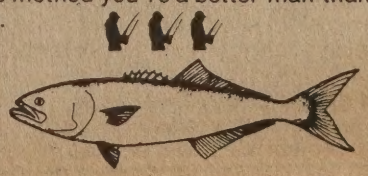
Nine times out of ten, the blues will be deep. Trolling is the answer, wire or lead core line is essential, and most fishermen troll surgical tube lures because they are easy to use.

If you are lucky enough to locate a school on top, approach cautiously, keeping your speed down since your wake will spook them. Shut down to a dead drift at casting distance from the school's periphery. Try to position your boat so that you drift in the direction of the feeding fish. Take a bare 9/0-12/0 hook with six to eight inches of wire leader, no lead needed, into the school. Your hook will shortly snag a bunker. Cut him up into bite-sized pieces and start fishing.

A good surf rod with a light taper and 15-20 lb. test line is safe sport. You'll also need a gaff and a billy club if you'd like a few for dinner. Fish this method with an open bail so that when your quarry strikes he can run some line. The bluefish is incredibly fast and strong and, when he strikes, he'll take line off your reel so fast it will be downright scary. While he's running, count to eight, flip the bail and set the hook.

If you have a tendency toward self destruction, use a good freshwater bass rod with as much unknotted line as you can fit comfortably on the spool. Line strength should be from 8-12 lb. test. Set your drag at about 3 lbs. below line strength. In this game, you'll loose your fish up close to the boat if you don't handle him right, since he'll be able to run line virtually at will. If your drag is set too tight you'll lose your fish when you set the hook.

The main thing to remember is to take your time and don't try to horse the fish in. You won't land a blue until you've beaten him and he's completely exhausted. It is an extremely challenging way to fish and if you can take a consistent number of blues with this method you're a better man than I am.



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DIVING

The Proving Ground

with John Fennimore

Learning to dive was a new and exciting experience for me, and Atlantic Beach and surrounding areas were the testing grounds for my new undertaking. In those days the ease of accessibility and beautiful marine life attracted many old pros and beginners alike to this area. The accessibility has changed slightly, but the area is just as beautiful as ever.

After I had dived there many times, I still felt I needed more information. I contacted Elliot Blum, a resident diver who dove this area for many years. As I mentioned in my first article, divers that "clam up" during the session will generally be quite talkative during the slow periods. Elliot was a prime example of this.

The reason I feel that this is a good training area is that it is such a difficult place to dive. People out for the first time should stay clear of the areas I am about to mention. Trained divers with previous open water experience that want to further their abilities in diving are the only people that can successfully learn there; the currents and cross currents are some of the strongest on Long Island. The depth changes dramatically from ten to fifteen feet to over fifty. Boat traffic is generally heavy, and the water can get quite rough. But all these factors can be countered, and provide the diver with a good dive and a learning experience.

Beach 8th Street and surrounding areas have some nice places to dive. The area is all private not, so either dive there by boat, or get there before the swimming season starts. Accessibility has also changed. You used to be able to drive right up to the water's edge, but now there are high-rise apartments in the way. Your car must be parked in a nearby lot and you'll have to do some walking, but it's not bad.

Several small jetties run up and down this stretch of beach. They provide homes for blackfish and lobster, among other things. In years past the contours of the bottom sloped downward to about 30 feet, and then angled sharply down to fifty. Now, due to dredging, natural and man-made beach erosion, the bottom slopes sharply downward from about 2 to 10 fathoms.

This geological difference has already caused a few changes. It is more dangerous to swim there now than it ever was. But it has also caused something unique in regards to fishing; or rather, unsuccessful fishing. No, the area isn't a bad place to fish; in fact, I feel that it's improving. This phenomenon occurs when several fishermen lose their lures and sinkers. Once lost, they somehow slide down the inclination and end up in pockets, bunched together. The first time I saw it, I thought that a fisherman had dumped a bucket full of sinkers in one spot. One especially large pocket I found contained over ten pounds of sinkers. It became a matter of how many I really wanted, or could safely bring back. Due to the strong currents and deep slope, it is unsafe to carry lead weights without a lifting device. Once "old greedy" (yours truly) had to empty out about half of what he found, 'cause he couldn't get back to the surface!

The only time you can dive here is on slack tide. Most people like to dive high water slack, but some like to jump into the water early. In that way the incoming water transports the diver to different jetties, or all the way to the Atlantic Beach Bridge.

I consider diving the bridge too hazardous for the limited things it has to offer. Drifting along, you'll get an idea of your surroundings, and get your compass bearings. In a new area it is too easy to get lost, so a navigational aid is definitely necessary.

The jetties' boulders harbor average sized blackfish and lobster. There are also some pretty yellow sponges clinging to the rocks. Just off the rocks are mussel beds, and grey clay embankments. There I met an unusually friendly pair of sea bass on one of my strictly pleasure dives. I began hand-feeding them squid which I had brought with me for that purpose. The bergalls joined in, and I found myself with quite a following for the fest of the dive. A school of mullet and spearing came by to pick up the scraps left by the larger fish. A few small fluke were also in the vicinity.

Elliot told me of a good place for all types of flatfish: Just past the bridge, on the northern shore, we find Bannister Creek. At the entrance to the Creek there is a fairly deep hole in relation to the depth of the surrounding area. The hole is about 23 feet deep. It provides a hangout for fluke waiting for baitfish to come out of the creek, and a place for food to wash down to flounders.

Going back the other way we find a sunken barge. It is located in fifteen to twenty feet of water off Beach 23rd Street. You can find it by dragging a grappeling hook or a wreck anchor. Elliot said that it was situated approximately 100 yards off the beach. Several good sized blackfish always seem to be around, and there are crabs and lobster to be had, too.

All throughout this area in the summertime, the marine tropicals are present. They come up with the Gulf Stream, but this is a very unpredictable occurrence. Depending upon how the stream eddies can either make or break a year for the collector. In past years the inlet has produced everything from blue tangs to queen angelfish.

On the Atlantic Beach side of the inlet lies the "Silver Hole Jetty." I've only dived this jetty from a boat, so I am unaware of any ways to make a "walk-in" dive there. You can rent a boat at Henning's Fishing Station which is located at the foot of the bridge. Make your way carefully out to the jetty, because there are submerged piles at the beginning of the rocks. They are of little interest to the diver.

The point itself is where you want to go. There the bass and blues exist along with the jetty's full-time residents. On the beach side of the Jetty within a short distance is an area called the pocket. There the big bass search the surf for food. Inspect the full length of the point, and I'm sure you won't be disappointed.

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North Shore Blues Part One

I have been anticipating the early fall surface action in the sound since the season began even though it was only May, and now the time is upon us. For the first time in many years the sound has a lot of small bait and that equates to gamefish chasing the small fish to the surface and up against the beach.

All summer long the blues have been interested only in bunker chunks and the bass vanished to whereever they go in July and August. During the dog days I sharpened the hooks on my poppers and swimmers and waited for "today".

Who knows where they'll hit the beach. Maybe at Sunken Meadow or along the Huntington Beaches or perhaps they will storm east end sectors. It isn't important where they strike first, because within a week or two they'll be everywhere. How long they stick around will depend upon the weather, migratory pattern of the baitfish, and the severity of predatory pressure that is generated by the blues.

All reports tell of bluefish of all sizes from small tailors to huge Godzilla specimens in the low twenties, and what is most remarkable, they seem to be swimming together. That means that any given cast can produce a fish of almost any proportion.

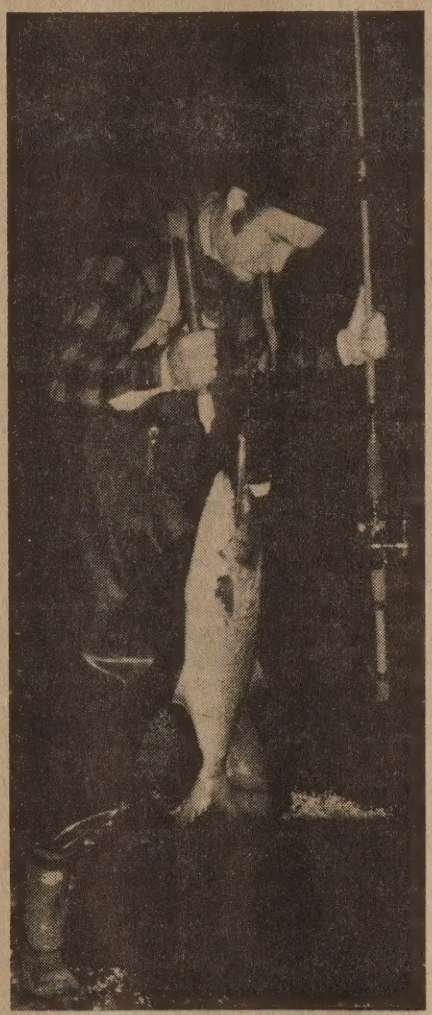
Look, I really do not look upon these statements as any kind of clairvoyant predition. As far as all indications are concerned it must happen this year. Let's look at the reasons why it should happen.

First, this spring there were millions of sandeels in Long Island Sound. They did not leave during the summer, but rather worked their way into deeper and cooler waters. When water temperatures begin to drop the same schools of sandeels will move closer to the beach. When the blues find them they will drive them into even shallower water.

Second, in June there were schools of anchovies in the sound. These 4 to 6 inch bait fish will also move in among the beach when the weather gets cooler.

Third, there was a very large year class of spearing this spring. Perhaps the largest spawn in a half dozen years. The spearing will be about 6 or 7 inches long by mid-September.

Fourth, small bunker have also been



reported in Long Island Sound in large numbers and they also have been missing in any quantity for about five years.

Fifth, the bluefish must have gone crazy this spring when they went through their spawning ritual because there have been more snappers this summer than I can ever remember. In the fall when the snappers move along the beaches the bass and blues will feast on them and snappers of 5 to 8 inches can create some of the most frantic action in the surf. Already this year in July, small blues have intercepted large schools of snappers and annihilated them on top at Eatons Neck.

Sixth, the temperature of the water in Long Island Sound stayed just a little cooler this summer than it has in recent years. The highest reading I measured this summer was about 78 degrees surface temperature. Last year I registered 82 and 84 degrees on two separate occasions.

Well those are the key indicators. The equation reads: Game fish must eat and all of the above are edible and that equals action for surf fishermen. We had a little of it last year when small pods of tiny bait (mostly snappers) moved through certain North Shore Beaches but the action was far from top form.

It is very hard to put a time table on these things. It is up to the whims of mother nature as to when the proper combination of atmospheric and oceanographic conditions will combine to get things going. Nonetheless, blues begin their surface feeding antics anywhere from late August to mid-September and once they start it builds until mid-October. Thereafter, the action gradually tapers off to nothing in November.

The bass are something else again and they certainly swim to the beat of a different drummer. They go where they want and feed when they want but by late September they should join the fun. Of course the best action for the stripers will continue to be at night after the blues settle down just a bit, since there is no way that a bass is going to out swim a blue to a plug!

Next week I look at the strategy of this fishing: the best lures, tides, time of day, and places to fish.

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FRESHWATER FISHING

with Angelo Peluso

TRY THE FLY

Without a doubt, it is very possible for the novice entering the realm of fly fishing to be totally confused when faced with all of the technical facts and figures usually associated with this angling method. The sad part of the matter is that this tends to be the rule rather than the exception, and it is so for one very good reason. The art of the Fly is one of the most mystique-filled areas in all of sport angling. For years much was (and to an extent still is) written concerning the difficulty of the cast and the need for precision and exactitude not to mention the volumes dedicated to entomology and proper fly selection. Let's see. Do I choose a number 12 Adams or a 28 midge dun? Am I supposed to halt my back cast at 9 o'clock, 11 o'clock or noon? No wonder people become confused and frustrated. One should not have to possess a doctoral degree in nuclear science to enjoy the sport of fly casting.

But fear not for all is not lost. Things are not as bad as they may seem. The average angler armed with a bit of good advice can readily master the basics of fly fishing in a manner that will enable him or her to catch fish in a relatively short period of time.

One of the first major obstacles has traditionally been with the choice of tackle. Much of the frustration with the sport begins here. An angler chosing an improperly balanced outfit steps up to the plate with an 0 and 2 count. If the tools of the trade are unsatisfactory for completion of the task at hand, the end product will most certainly wind up as sub-standard.

This logic also holds true for fly fishing. A poor selection of tackle will result in poor casting, poor fly presentation, spooked fish or a frustrated angler.

There was a time when it was essential for the fisherman to take into consideration a number of factors before making the purchase of a fly outfit. One of the most outstanding and confusing was that of chosing a line that would be compatible to the action of the rod. The alphabetical designations (HCH, D, etc.) represented an antiquated system that led to many improperly balanced outfits. Today the situation is a bit different. The AFTMA (American Fishing Takkle Manufacturers Association) took the bull by the horns and redesigned the coding system. What they developed just about ensures that even the most uninformed angler will be able to select equipment that will perform in a technically efficient manner.

The system is simply one which utilizes line weight matched to a rod and reel combination. For example, rod manuracturers will rate their various fly rods for a specific weight fly line (4,5,8,9, etc.). This rating is usually inscribed on the blank itself so that the purchaser need only examine the rod to determine the correct line match. Bear in mind that an appropriate line will increase the casting efficiency of the rod and develop its power potential to the fullest extent.

The novice, before making the initial purchase of a rod should first attempt to define the primary purpose for which the equipment will be used. If you are intent on bass bugging, then a 4½ foot midget bamboo rod would be a very impractical choice. Likewise would be a nine foot rod capable of handling a weight forward line, if the angler intended to dry fly some small stream trout. If one specific phase of fly fishing really appeals to you above all others, then I would suggest that you make the purchase of a specialty outfit, suited to the specific needs. I would also suggest that you make the additional purchase of a "general" purpose outfit to take up the slack for the other types of fly fishing that you might also want to do. If the budget is tight, then do yourself a favor and go to a rig that will enable you to fish different situations. As you advance in the fly fishing game I am sure that your curiosity will lead you to pursue various species of fish. Since much has been written on the subject of rod and reel selection, I won't belabor the point, but I would like to suggest some additional reading that I am certain will broaden your background knowledge in this area. Two books that are extremely informative and enjoyable to read are: 1. The Complete Book of Fly Fishing by Joe Brooks and, 2. A Fly Fisher's Life by Charles Ritz.

The second area of confusions that usually frightens the pants off of potential fly casters is that of proper fly selection. Having delved through much of the available writing, I have often thought that the only ones who should be able to catch trout on flies would have to be college-trained entomologists. The variety of aquatic insects upon which trout feed are many and a bit of serious study is needed if the angler desires to master the different cycles and emergence periods for each category. But is it really necessary for the average angler to make an in-depth study into the life of the May fly. I feel that this is not so unless one's own self edification is a concern (fishermen in general tend to be a very curious lot). If I were to look back several years, I would see a time when I used to totally confuse myself trying to make a fly selection that would "match the hatch". It was not until I made the purchase of Art Flick's "Streamside Guide" and Preston Jenning's "Trout Flies" that I realized how easy it all could be. Both of these fly anglers did intensive study into the life cycles of the various May flies, and both have come to just about the same conclusion; one that I might add is very significant to the average fly angler. Both of the authors found and contend that there are really only a handfull of flies that the fly fisherman should concern himself with. Flick and Jennings also state that it is these flies that the angler should concentrate on learning to use and he will, for all practical purpose, not need any others. I agree folks. The work and the investigation has been done, so if playing scientist isn't your bag heed the words of these two gentlemen. The patterns that are described in the above stated books are presented to the reader in a fashion that will enable him or her to quickly grasp the concepts of fly selection. It would seem a prudent investment to make the purchase of these reference books for they have as much value as your rod and reel. How? Well, the novice is able to devote more time to actual fishing since the selection of flies has been simplified for him. And above all, the confusion has been kept to a minimum. As time goes on you might find the sport so interesting as to warrant further investigation. Then, by all means do so. It can't hurt.

I hope that the ideas just presented will keep a light burning in the minds of those of you who are considering fly fishing. It has been my intention to merely make you aware of the fact that "it ain't all that difficult". I know plenty of people that know only the basics, and they catch plenty of fish. Good Luck.

BASS, BEAR, BEAVER & BRANT

BY FRED GUARDINEER

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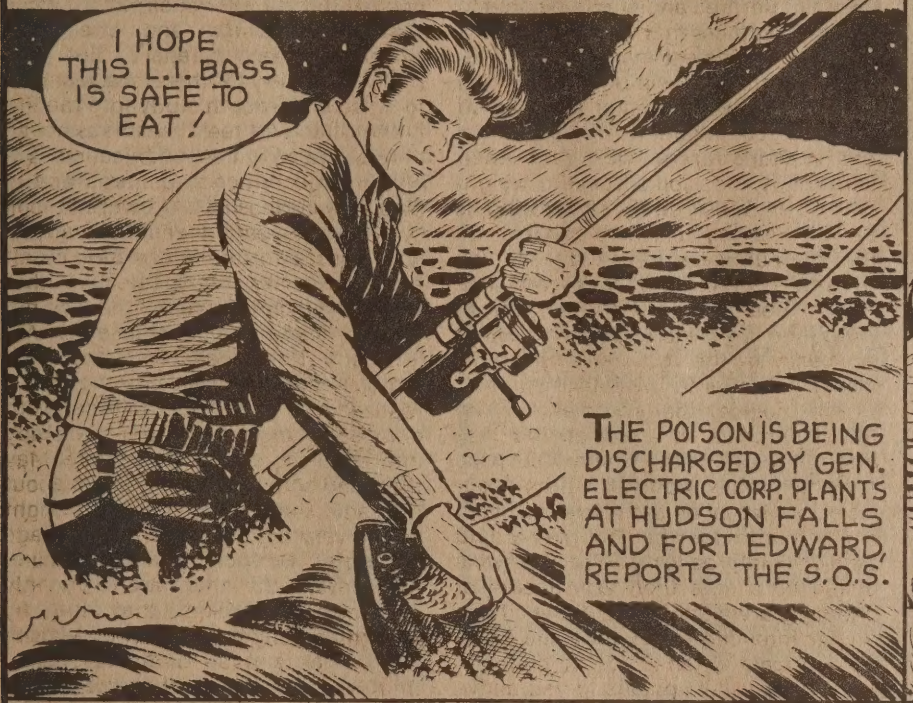

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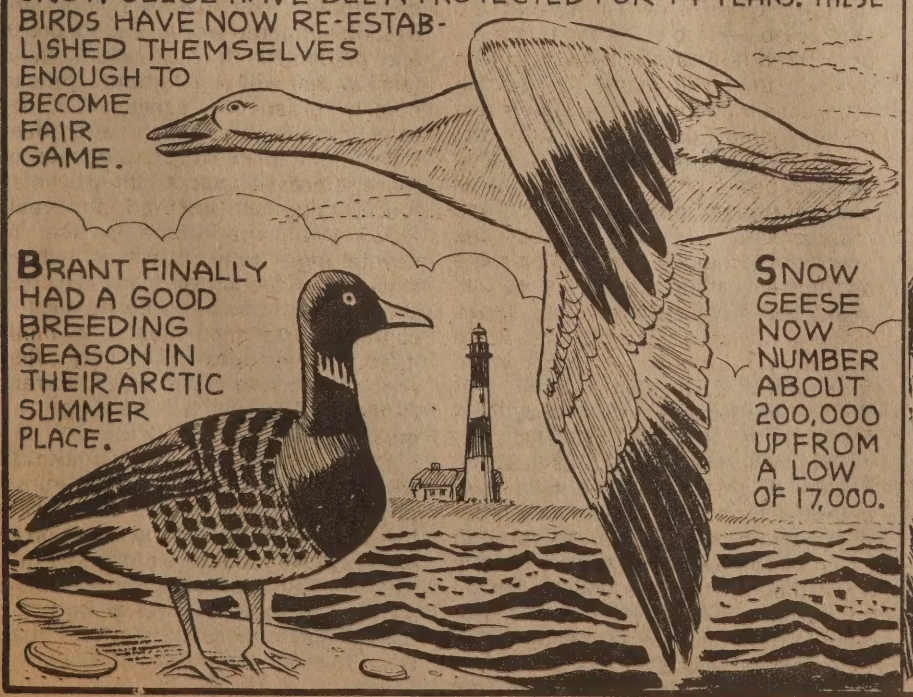

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THE BOTTOM LINE

with Scott Simons

How To Catch Blue Claw Crabs

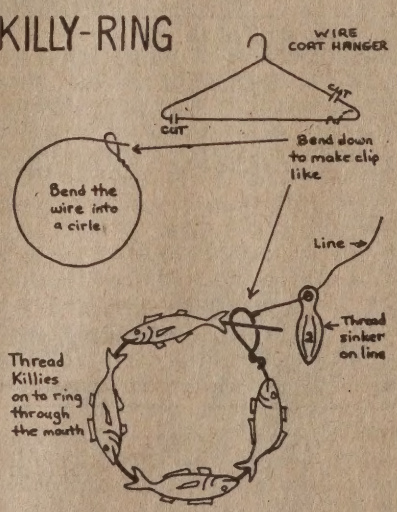
Well, it looks like we are going to have another banner year for blue claw crabs, that culinary favorite, perhaps even surpassing the excellent crab seasons of 1973 and 1974. After the extremely lean crab harvests of the '60's, this is welcome news. The blue claws are now in solid in all their usual haunts in the south shore bays, and any angler with a passing knowledge of crab-catching is practically guaranteed a few dozen crabs for the dinner table.

There is a wide variety of methods for catching crabs that you can choose from. The first consideration, naturally, is where you are going to do crabbing from. Do you have a small skiff at your disposal? If not, a boat may be rented easily enough. Otherwise, you'll be limited to doing your crabbing from docks, bulkheads and piers—which is often just as productive and fun. In either case, crabbing is an adventure that the entire family can enjoy on a Sunday afternoon or a late-summer evening as the sun goes down.

The most popular method of taking crabs from the shore is the crab trap. Basically, there are two types that perform virtually the same function—the square trap and the pyramid trap. Both have collapsible sides and are cast out from shore. Bait is secured in the center of the bottom of the trap and it is cast out from shore by the fisherman who holds onto a line. As soon as the trap comes to rest on the bottom the collapsible sides open, exposing the offering to foraging crabs. The trap is periodically pulled in with the line, which closes the sides, hopefully entrapping any crabs that are chewing on the bait. While this method is often very effective, it leaves little to the imagination of the fisherman but does make for a leisurely time at the waters edge and crabs boiling in a pot on the kitchen stove.

If eating crabs is your bag but you just don't have enough time to catch them, don't despair. Last year a local manufacturer came out with a special crab trap that requires virtually no monitoring by the angler. It works on the same principal as a lobster pot—bait is placed in the trap and the crab has to crawl through an opening that is V-shaped, progressively becoming narrower, in order to reach it. This is an easy enough chore, but wait until the crab tries to get out again! The trap has the advantage of being left to catch the blue claws while the angler is doing something else and it can be left for several days at a time. Unfortunately, it rates a big zero on the fun scale.

All of these crab traps require bait, but this isn't a critical factor to success. Just about any whole fish or parts thereof will do the trick. But it is a good idea to have something with a little smell to advertise its presence to the crabs. Mossbunker, butterfish and mackerel all fit this requirement and are easily purchased. You can save a little money in this department by freezing a few whole fish or fish heads at the end of a fishing trip for future use in the crab trap. By the way, there isn't any law against chumming for blue claw crabs, so next time you have some bunker chum left over why not freeze it in quart milk containers that can be punctured and placed in the trap?



One of the oldest methods of catching crabs is the killy-ring, which is very simple to use and make. It is extremely effective, but requires a little skill on the part of the crabee. All you need is a coat hanger, sinker, heavy line and a quart of killies and you're in business! Cut the hook of the coat hanger off with a pair of pliers and fashion the remainder into a circle as shown in the diagram. The killies are put on the ring by forcing the end of the hanger through their mouths and out the vent until the ring is a solid circle of fish. Then attach the sinker, close the ring and tie line on.

The killie-ring can either be cast out from a bulkhead or lowered to the bottom from a boat, In either case, the bait is allowed to lie motionless on the bottom with the angler periodically moving the ring slightly to see if the additional weight of a crab can be detected. If a crab is felt holding on to the bait, the angler slowly pulls the ring towards the boat and the crab is scooped up with a net. This works on the same "stubborn" method employed to catch monkeys in the wild. Rice is placed in a container that has a very narrow neck and a line attached to it. The monkey sticks his hand in to grab a fistfull of rice, only to discover that the hand that entered the container while opened will no longer fit through the opening when a fist is made. Then all man has to do is "reel" him in with the line. Why doesn't the monkey just let go of the rice so he can get his hand free? Well, that's why it is called the "stubborn" method. The same principle applies to crabs—all they have to do to escape is let go of the killies and swim away, but they're just too stubborn! They must figure that they've found a meal and no one is going to take it away from them without a fight. A killie ring can also be dragged along the bottom while drifting for fluke in the bay so that you can add a couple of bonus blue claws to the day's bag.

Undoubtably, the most frantic and exciting method of crabbing is "jacking" at night with a spotlight and net. Ideal conditions for jacking in the flats from a shallow drafted boat are a windless night with a full moon, The water should be almost glass-like so you can see the bottom clearly. Move the boat up onto the flats in one to three feet of water and lift the outboard motor so that it won't hit the bottom and the boat will slowly glide over the shallow water. If the drift is very slow, a long pole or oar may be used to help the boat along. Have a spotlight shining over the side and keep your eyes concentrated on the piece of bottom that is illuminated for crabs that can be scooped up with the net. It's also a good idea to keep a multi-pronged spear handy for the many fluke and eels that will usually be seen.

Jacking at night for crabs can also be done in the deep, fast moving water under bridges, most notably the Robert Moses Bridge crossing the Great South Bay. The crabs swim along with the current just below the surface for some reason, just begging to be scooped up in your net. Talk about frantic crabbing! While it looks easy enough, it isn't, and many crabs that look like easy prey will manage to escape the mesh of the net. The reason for this may sound strange, but many crabs will be missed because they aren't where they appear to be. As the beam of the spotlight enters the water at a certain angler, it will bend, or "refract". As a result, a crab may appear to be swimming six inches under the surface while it is actually a foot or a foot and a half deep. But once you obtain the knack it's often possible to fill a bushel basket with the largest kind of blue claws in a few hours, and have a ball doing it.

This time of year you can go to the Robert Moses Bridge on any balmy night and see a large fleet of small boats winding their way between the pilings, lights ablazing and nets at the ready. The spotlights combine with the required running lights to give the appearance of a small city on the water. The most difficult, and dangerous part of this night crabbing is avoiding collisions with pilings and other boats. A crab will often be spotted swimming out of range of the net and it's so easy to get excited as the boat is turned and maneuvered to net the crab, which can often result in a dangerous situation. It is therefore imperative that the person who is piloting the craft do only that—he should not be using a net or holding a spotlight, least he becomes distracted and a night of fun turned into tragedy.

The last, but far from least, effective and enjoyable method of crabbing is netting them from a dock or bulkhead as they hold on to a piling. This method is usually employed by a group of five to fifteen boys who never manage to have more than one net between them for some reason. As can be imagined, this often leads to lengthy discussions as to who's turn it is to use the net next and considerable razzing when an easy shot is missed. But it is a lot of fun and takes more than its share of blue claws. All you do is walk along the dock, checking each piling for crabs holding onto the pilings. When one is spotted, simply scoop him up with the net. I say "simply" but in truth it can be quite tricky because the best position to net a crab from is three to four feet away from the dock...in other words, standing on the water.

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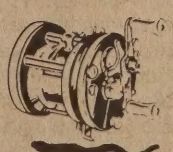

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It's Doormat Time At Montauk

by Al Ristori

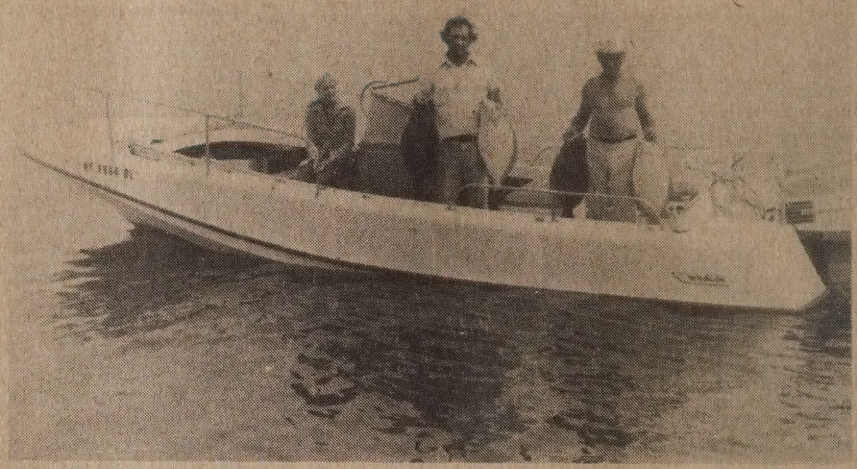
One of the great things about fishing is the diversity. If you get tired of fishing for any given species, you can switch to another and face a fresh challenge. Personally, I prefer my finny opponents in the large, economy sizes and therefore spend most of my summers concentrating on tuna and sharks. A little plugging in the evenings for stripers and blues makes for some variety and, if things are really tough, there's always bottom fishing.

While I can't get terribly excited about all forms of bottom fishing, I do enjoy drifting for doormat fluke on occasion. As is the case with all bottom fishing, fluking requires a good deal of skill. That which seems simple to the casual observer actually involves the same dedication to detail necessary for success in the higher forms of the art. If you do not think that's true, just compare the catches of the pros with those taken by casual anglers!

It was only a few years ago that fluke were in very short supply. There are plenty of theories about what caused the decline of this formerly prolific fish in the sixties, but there's little doubt in my mind that the intense fishery directed toward these fish on their offshore wintering grounds, by both American and foreign trawlers during the late fifties, had something to do with it. In fact, I feel that one of the very few things we've accomplished in our bilateral treaties with the Soviets and Poles was their agreement not to fish for fluke, sea bass and porgies. All three species have registered dramatic comebacks during the past several years.

Six years ago you could drift through the rips off Montauk in magnificent isolation and catch an occasional doormat fluke. Then, in 1971, the small fluke started arriving in quantity and usually beat their bigger brothers to the bait. The rips are still a great place to "load-up" with small to medium sized fluke, but for serious doormat fishing it's become necessary to shift locales to the south shore.

At first only a few sharpies realized that fluke were abundant and big in deep waters along the south shore. One of the first to regularly extract doormats from that area was Ben Paolino, formerly captain of the party boat "Yankee". Ben drifted skinless fillets of sea robin over rough bottom south of the point and consistantly returned with big fluke. It wasn't long before two of Montauk's top bottom fishermen, Judd York and Frank Lovello, were working the same area and filling up their huge Igloo chest with flatties in the 5-15 lb. class.



Judd York and Frank Lovello show off some Montauk doormats.

I've fished with Judd and Frank a number of times and also worked the area myself on occasion. Unfortunately, it's not the sort of spot I can recommend to the amateur. Fishing depths range from 50-65 feet and the tides are often very strong. There are no rips showing or any other indication of where to fish. The bottom is rough and, when you hand-up in a heavy tide, you'll have to run uptide quickly to avoid stripping your reel. Another hazard is the abundance of lobster pots. On incoming tide most of the buoys are underwater and you'll blunder into them from time to time.

With all those disadvantages, you may be wondering why anyone would bother with the area when quantities of fish are available in nearby rips. The answer is consistently big fish! There are few small fluke to bother you and ten pounders are actually common, if you can find the right drift and consistently repeat it. That's where the real skill comes in!

Generally, doormats will be found on the many ledges in the area. What you want to find are those spots where there is a definite gully between relatively shallow and deep water. Using both bearings and a good depth finder you will be able to line up your drifts fairly well, but a buoy can make things a lot simpler once you've found fish. It's unlikely that you'll find fluke abundant throughout the area. Judd and Frank often spend hours working various drifts before hitting the right one and "loading-up". The trick is not to "lose" that drift in the excitement as you may not find it again.

When fishing rough areas it's best to keep the rigging simple. Judd uses a heavy mono leader with a 5/0 long shanked hook rigged five or six inches ahead of a small, but triple strength, treble hook. Using this rig, a small squid can be rigged with the large hook at the end and the treble in the head (squid swim backwards). The number of hang-ups will be minimized by placing the rig a foot or more above the 10-14 ounce sinker. Big fluke don't seem to mind having to swim up for the bait. The rigs are simple enough to make but, if you're short on time, they can be obtained from CLM Co., 2533 Brownville Road, Langhorne, PA. 19047.

Any tackle that will handle the heavy sinkers can be used, though there's no point in hanging on to

unnecessarily heavy gear all day long. I prefer the Ambassadeur 7000 with 20-30 lb. mono and the 5½ Garcia B5223F "musky" rod. In fact, I use this same rig for jigging blues, deep-jigging tropical wrecks and reefs, casting heavy plugs for tarpon, and have even taken some blue sharks with it!

For bait you'll rarely go wrong with the aforementioned small squid. The combination of smelt and a long strip of squid is also effective. Large strips of sea robin, dogfish, or fluke belly are other traditional baits for doormats. Remember that you're fishing for big fish, use big baits. In the swift currents there's usually not much time to fool with the fish. When you feel a pick-up, just dip your rod to him and strike if he's there on the lift. If you miss him, free spool and he might come back for it.

What's the potential in the rocky areas along the south shore? Last year Judd and Frank stopped counting ten pounders after they reached 50! On one day alone they racked up 13 exceeding that weight! Indeed, by the end of the summer, Judd and Frank had recorded ten fluke that went 14 pounds or better. The "super-doormat" they're always looking for did elude them however, and the biggest taken on their boat was a 15½ pounder hooked by Judd's girl friend, Barbara Panza.

Judd and Frank weren't the only ones catching fish out there last year. William Kuhle, of Massapequa, set an IGFA 6 lb. class record with a 14 ¾ lb. fluke which was actually caught on 4 lb. mono. On the same day, his partner, John Faulkner, boated a 16 ¾ pounder on 8 lb. test!

Anita Vitucci has a hard time holding up the authors' 13 pounder.

Those that don't want to fool with the difficult fishing over rough bottom areas can find good sport in the area off Church's. This is mostly open bottom in waters from 40-60 feet. When Judd and I first fished the area in 1972, we were virtually alone, even on weekends. Since then the word has gotten around and you'll usually find a fleet to zero in on. Once again, look for changes in the bottom structure as fluke are more likely to lay on such "edges" rather than on flat bottom. Lobster pots are often set in such areas and are worth a drift.

I had a day saved by that simple technique a couple of years ago. I was entertaining a group of amateurs, not only to fluke fishing, but to fishing itself! They wanted to catch some "eating" fish so, after a brief session with the bluefish at Cartwright, we headed in for a try at fluke. The tide was slack, but I had decided to fish open bottom in any case since I couldn't handle the problems that three amateurs would soon find themselves in fishing over rough terrain. The fleet was fishing in 45 feet but a couple of drifts there resulted in only a sea bass. Running offshore, I found a line of lobster pots in 55 feet and set up a drift alongside them. After that we had steady action. Both Don Kates, of NY, and Claire Reckert, Financial Editor of the New York Times, came up with 5-6 lb. fluke and Loraine Haynes, of NY, topped them easily with 9½ pounder.

Between netting and baiting hooks I had a hard time keeping up with the action and had to leave my rod in the holder. However, the fish were cooperative and usually hooked themselves. Claire and I both came up with 8 ¾ pounders and I finished up with one of 10½ lbs. It was ironic to me that I'd spent my youth fluking along the south shore of Long Island and never caught a single doormat, while my guests, fishing for the first time, each had one or more big fluke!

The deep water off Church's also produced my biggest fluke, a 13 pounder. That fish was 26" across and barely fit in my net! Though there were lots of small fluke in the rips earlier in the season, most of the fleet is now working off the south shore and will probably stay there throughout the season. Drifting for the doormats over the rough bottom has been relatively poor so far but Labor Day weekend was the peak of last years action and we're hoping for a repeat. The first fall northeaster seems to break up the concentrations of big fluke but fishing can be good through September. Give it a try this year and see if you can't come up with the "doormat of your dreams!"

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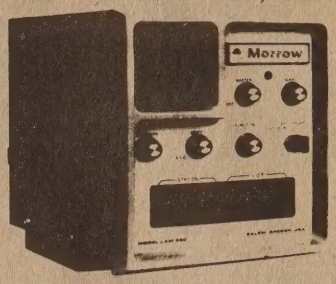

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September Snappers

by Matt Ahern

Fishing every day as I do, I meet many fishermen. Many of these fishermen agree that an undeniable preference for one fish over another has existed throughout their fishing life. Some enjoy the lively pursuit of fluke over the conquest of the more sedate flounder, others admitted they would rather catch porgies than sea bass, etcetera. Most all fishermen, however, share one thing in common: few snub the snapper.

There must be good reason for this, for no fisherman deliberately goes out of his way to catch small fish—unless they are snappers!

Snappers share none of the finical ways of many of local fish. Fearless, always abounding in teeming numbers wherever suitable conditions exist, these young bluefish have a multitude of anglers seeking them each summer.

Any bay, creek, canal, jetty and breakwater throughout the length and breadth of Long Island is a haven for snappers, all seemingly over-anxious to except the offerings of fishermen. Personally, I can't recall going snapper fishing and not succeeding.

Certainly, catching snappers is no problem

Observant fishermen first notice snappers putting in an appearance sometime in June. These fish are tiny, usually about an inch long. By mid-August they will have attained a length of five to seven inches, giving proof as to their rapid rate of growth. It is then when snapper fishing goes into high-gear, and just about every pier, wharf, bulkheading, creek and canal bank is lined with eager, happy fishermen, all busily yanking snappers from their element.

It isn't until September, however, that most experienced snapper fishermen think about getting in on the action. Nine and ten inch snappers are common. Fishing remains good until early October when Nature's cooling breath sets the stage for the annual exodus. By then, June's tiny snappers have reached ten and twelve inches. Needless to say, these scrappers afford much sport.

Fishermen use all kinds of tackle to catch snappers, ranging from spinning rods to drop lines, but for most fun, light spinning equipment should be used. This is the tackle that puts the snap in snapper fishing.

When using this light stuff and employing four to six pound test mono line, the fisherman can cast small Sidewinders, Kastmasters, Hopkins, Swedish Pimples and similar lures. Snappers can't resist the tantalizing action these lures impart when retrieved slowly and jigged with short twitches of the rod tip.

Many lures come equipped with treble hooks. There is no doubt these hooks afford more certain hooking, but they also offer one drawback: Snappers being so plentiful, many fishermen make it a point to return most of their catch to live and fight another day. Treble hooks often injure the fish severely and few survive when this is done.

When snappers run, everybody fishes.

September snappers caught at Shinnecock Canal.

If you wish to be truly conservation-minded, replace the treble with a single hook of the same size. The split-ring on these lures enables you to change over. If you can't locate one of these lures with a single hook already attached, it is recommended that you do just that. Conserve the snapper.

If the use of spinning tackle isn't for you, you can still have plenty of fun with snappers. Hie yourself to the nearest tackle shop or hardware store and buy an ordinary bamboo snapper rod. Not only are these rods tough and take much abuse, they cost but little and you will never buy one that's cheaper.

These rods can be purchased in one piece or two and three piece breakdowns. The three-piece rod is preferable especially if it must be transported by car to the nearest snapper action.

Get a supply of snapper hooks, too. Don't forget a plastic bobber. This can be either the common round bobber or the long, slender type. My preference leans to the latter as it offers no noticeable resistance to a wary snapper. Pick up a few medium sized clinch sinkers, too. One of these is placed above the knotted loop of the snapper hook. Not only does this overcome line tangling, but it will keep the bobber right side up and more sensitive.

To rig up, attach a length of ten pound monofilament line to the rod. Be sure it isn't much longer than the rod's length. If too long, it will be difficult to control hooking and landing your fish. Place the bobber about three feet above the hook, bait with a whole spearing and you're in business. No fishing method for snappers is more simple or more deadly.

Snappers are fast and tricky and you should wait for the bobber to disappear before attempting to set the hook. A mere lift of the wrist is all that's necessary. Expect to miss a fair share of the fish as this is par for the course. No one hooks every snapper, but as experience is gained, you'll find more and more going into your bucket.

The best snapper bait is a medium sized spearing. These are most always purchased frozen, but if you can get those that are freshly caught, you will have a distinct advantage. Run the hook in the mouth and out the gill cover, then once more about mid-way through the body near the vent. Let the hook's bend protrude. Don't bunch the bait, but let it lie along the hook shank in a natural-like manner.

As snappers are speed personified and can strip a hook in a twinkling, some snapper sharpies use an unsnelled snapper hook and a number ten swivel attached to the main line with an improved clinch knot. The eye of the loose hook is forced through the center of the spearing, starting about an inch from the tail and then brought out the mouth. The hook is then placed on the snap swivel. Not only does this method secure the bait, but it ha s a tendency to hook the short-biters.

Rigged like this with the aid of a clinch sinker, and minus the bobber, the bait is easily cast with a spinning outfit. When allowed to sink a few feet and then slowly retrieved, it is irresistable to snappers. If the current is swift enough to carry the bait along, expect your hit when the line straightens out.

When still-fishing with a bobber, snappers will also take small strips of squid, fresh shrimp, and any type of fish bait, including a slice of snapper belly. These fish baits should be hooked to allow a small piece to trail in the current.

Small, live killies draw snappers like old bait draws flies, but my use of this bait for snappers is my Achilles' heel. Why? Because, sorry to say, I have difficulty hooking snappers with this bait. I know fishermen who use nothing but live killies and they catch snapper after snapper with expert ease. But not me. If you'd like to give killies a try, hook them lightly under the dorsal fin. Some fishermen place the hook through the lips. Results are best when this bait is still-fished.

Many fishermen use a boat for their snapper fishing. Anchor and get some moss bunker chum going, then still-fish with a bobber. You can also drift if the weather is nice, casting about the boat as you go along. Either way, you are sure to get your share of snappers.

Bunker chum should be mixed with sea water to a thin soup-like consistency and laddled over side. A good substitute for bunker chum is canned mackerel, sardines, or fish-flavored cat food. It won't be long before snappers will home in on the source.

Use any of the baits recommended, or cast a small lure into the chum line and work it back slowly to the boat. I find, however, that better results are obtained by using bait instead of artificials in the chum line.

When shore fishing, look for areas where tidal action occurs. Snappers seem to favor this, especially when the tide is incoming. It is then when they rush into creeks and canals, searching for bait fish hiding in shallow water. Low or high slack periods produce few snappers, but they will commence to bite again when the tide changes and begins to move.

Snappers are great fun, so be sure to get in on the action. You won't be sorry.

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Hooks. Hooks should be of the No. 11 or No. 12 type straight with a slight off-set. For smaller sharks No. 9 may be used.

Hooking Sharks

Once you have established your chum slick and have commenced hunking and chunking, your balloons and reel clickers will tell you what is happening. For the most part sharks are slow in taking the bait and come on as if they were toying with it. It is most important that you allow the shark plenty of time to swallow the bait which could take place anywhere from ½ a minute up to 5 minutes before you set the hook with several good jerks of the rod tip. As soon as you hear the reel clicker clicking, do not immediately set the hook. If you do you will pop the bait right out of his mouth. Try to envision his jaws loaded with teeth and he is trying to get your bait by a picket fence. Also he is doing a little tasting prior to swallowing the bait. At any rate sooner or later you are going to make your move. If the clicking stops he could be off or coming towards you. If you drop the shark you have no problem. You check for bait and if it isn't there you crank it in. If the bait is still there you leave your bait out. If he is coming towards you with the baited hook you will find out soon when you have cranked in all the slack. The line will now be tight and your battle will begin. If he is going away from you and he is hooked you also have a battle. Words cannot describe all the things that will happen. The drag on your reel should be set at 15 to 25 percent of the breaking strength of your line. Your rod angle should be half way between that of the sky and where your friend is located. On the initial run don't tighten down on the drag. Remember you are waiting for the moment that he takes a breath and then it will be your objective to turn his head towards you without popping the line. This can take some doing with large sharks in the 350 to 800 lb. class. Once you have him coming towards the boat your goal will be to keep him coming. Don't give him any coffee breaks or chances to change his mind. Also don't give him any slack at all. Keep on pumping and cranking. This is hard work and is sometimes arm and back braking. Remember this is why you went shark fishing. Remember also that in fighting a big fish it is a give and take battle with the winner doing most of the taking. This should be you. At any rate the longer you fight a shark the greater of the chance of losing him. Time for taking the fish will depend upon the size of the fish and your skills. Some of my friends have been on sharks for 4 hours only to have them break off at the last moment alongside the boat.

Getting Closer to the Boat

As the shark gets nearer to your boat shark fishing becomes more dangerous for the simple reason that you do not really know if he is completely exhausted or whether he is again ready for several more 747 jet take offs with his large tail. You should always hear your thinking to the fact that "he isn't done in yet" and anticipate more wild runs. In anticipation of this phenomena it is a must that you point your rod tip at the shark as he swims away allowing him to take line off of your tightened drag and reel spool. To do this takes considerable pressure on the shark and it is this pressure that tires the creature out. Once the reel spool begins to turn you can relax a little, sit back in the fighting chair and begin again to work him back towards the boat. Assuming that you have now worked your fish back to the boat you are now ready for grabbing the wire leader (you hope) and bringing him up close for gaffing. Both processes are very dangerous procedures. Before you gaff the shark it is imperative that the other person (not the fisherman or the gaffer) grab the wire leader with leather or pigskin gloves just below the swivel. Whoever is the wireman must be ready at a micro-seconds notice to let go the wire leader if the shark is still green and has another run left in him. It is Most Important That The Wireman Doesn't Wrap The Wire Around His Hands For A Better Grip. This procedure can be fatal. The wireman could find himself in the drink with the shark or have his arm severely severed. Assuming that the wireman has brought the shark close enough to the boat for gaffing, the gaffman stands ready to throw the flying gaff into the sharks lower jaw or into the immediate area of the head. The flying gaff line must always be secured to a boat cleat and not the fighting chair. This procedure gives the crew some control of the shark's head. The gaff man does not try and hold the gaff line once he has set the gaff into the shark. On the contrary everyone tries to relax a little until the shark quiets down a little. When the fish is quiet it is pulled again alongside the boat and a straight handled gaff is stuck into his tail for the purpose of tail roping which is done by slipping a 5 or 6 foot

½ inch nylon line with braided loops at each end around the sharks tail rather than over it. Going around the tail instead of over it can very easily save an arm. Remember a sharks tail is a lethal instrument and can do as much damamge as his mouth. Tie your tail roped shark to your forward cleats or to your gin pole making sure that his head is lashed down. If the fish is small, the head can be left hanging in the water. If he is big and you don't secure the head he can do much damage with his teeth. Matter of fact a large shark can literally destroy your boat with his teeth while he is in his death throes. When he is lashed down stay away from his mouth area. Do not open his guts or stick a camera in his mouth. By all means never bring a dead shark into your boat. At your weigh in station be careful of "dead sharks" and the innocent spectator who wants a picture of the shark's tonsils or the little boy who walks right up to the upside down shark and says "Daddy, Look at the nice shiny teeth he has.". Every dead shark seems to have one good snapping crunch left in his jaw. One of my friends, while spreading and racking out a recently killed shark's jaws, had the 2 by 4 spreaders pop out of the jaws and received a tremendous gash on his arm as the jaws collapsed.

First aid treatment for those who get bitten.

Since shark bites result in the loss of a large chunk of tissue with massive hemorrhaging the treatment must be directed towards controlling hemmorrage and control of shock.

Hemmoraging can be controlled by using large guaze pressure bandages. The wound is filled with guaze and held under pressure either by hand or by using elastic bandages. Sometimes a second pressure bandage will be needed to control bleeding. If you are inexperienced forget about tourniquets with first aid for the simple reason that they are very dangerous. When used incorrectly the patient can lose a limb or generate gangrene.

Due to excessive blood loss and the realization on the part of the victim that he has been chewed up there is an excellent chance that the unfortunate fisherman will go into shock. If this occurs the patient must be kept warm. By this time it is my sincerest hope that the CB, AM or VHF radio has been activated and that the Coast Guard and medical authorities have been called so that the victim may be taken to a local hospital as soon as possible. Treatment may include tetanus antitoxin and perhaps antibiotics. All of this is needed as soon as possible. Also the wound will need to be cleaned of the dirt and dead tissue and injured blood vessels must be sutured. Wounds are usually covered with a sterile dressing and left for 4 to 7 days. If there is no infection advanced surgical procedures such as closure of wound and skin grafting might be instituted. If the preceeding treatment alarms you, it should! It is part of the dangers involved in shark fishing. In the back of your mind you should always remember that you are fishing for an eating machine, not a kissing Guorami. Therefore, the theme has to be "Be Extremely Careful." Unless you go fishing off of a US Naval Hospital ship this problem will always be with you even though you try to forget it. It is obvious at this time that a complete first aid kit aboard your boat is a must as will as having aboard a working radio for making immediate contact with medical authorities.

Some Rules of thumb for catching Sharks

1. If the shark is over 4 feet long he should be considered very dangerous and should be treated with respect. Even 2 foot dogshark, caught on cod fishing trips can bite and horn you, inviting serious infections.

2. Makos are excellent eating and are comparable to swordfish. Blues, Browns and Duskies are also considered fair to good eating depending upon treatment of flesh...soaking in salt water or milk. The outstanding dietary fact about eating shark meat is that the meat is all protein. No Fat is present. This don't be afraid to eat shark meat. What you don't eat release.

3. If you are not going to eat or mount your sharks, tag them for the American Littoral Society of Jack Casey's Naragansett Shark Research Laboratory and the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. Take part in a scientific endeavor. Don't take out your personal vandettas and frustrations on animals which for the most part are scavengers of the oceans. It is sad to witness the great numbers of sharks, both small and large, which are unloaded on the docks after "monster contest weigh-in's" only to be placed in garbage trucks and taken to local dumps and incinerators.

4. Make sure that the boat you go sharking in has a working radio for emergencies as well as complete first aid equipment...even better someone aboard that knows how to administer first aid and treat for shock.

5. Forget about carrying firearms aboard for shooting sharks. The same goes for bringing aboard illegal fireworks such as M-80's, dynamite caps and larger versions of grenades. There are plenty of ways to attract sharks to your boat. If you are not satisified with your chum slick and your hunking and chunking you can ring bells underwater, yell through underwater horns and pipes, etc. without turning your boat into an illegal gunboat or a shooting gallery.

6. Do not go sharking with an inexperienced crew. At least one aboard should know what he is doing and instruct the other two what it is all about. In sharking it is always best to have three aboard, the fisherman, the wireman and the gaff man. You can take turns in doing these three jobs. Always have a plan of attack for bringing in your shark. Don't play it by ear as it happens. There will be enough of the unexpected happening even with the most experienced crew and the best worked out plans.

7. Boozing and sharking are not compatible. What you want is a three man crew that is sober and serious...not three lushes representing an accident going somewhere to happen. Sharking takes all of your energy.

8. Do not be afraid of cutting the line when you have engaged a real monster shark that your crew definitely cannot handle such as a monster White Shark or a huge Tiger.

9. If you are out to take pictures of sharks assign this job to one person. He cannot be a wireman and a photographer anymore than he can be the gaffer or the fisherman and the photographer.

10 Confine your sharking to good size boats..25 feet and upwards. Fishing for sharks from small outboard skiffs with low free board is only inviting trouble from all angles.

11. Never bring a shark into your boat for the ride back to the dock. If you can't gin pole him or lash him to your boat you are fishing for sharks in a boat that's too small.

12. Give dead sharks plenty of time to die and don't trust what looks like a dead shark.

13. Use live bait whenever possible. Try to catch some live whiting, herring, small cod or fish for sharks with eels. You might even catch other species such as marlin or tuna.

14. Your best sharking will take place in depths of water ranging from 100 feet to 175 feet, 10 to 30 miles off Fire Island. Of course you can catch occasional sharks in closer, but for the most part your chances of success will be minimal for the maximum effort you exert.

15. Consult the advertisements in the Long Island Fisherman and local newspapers for private and small group charters for sharking. There are many local professional sharkers including Capt. Frank Mundus of "The Montauk" who will take you sharking.

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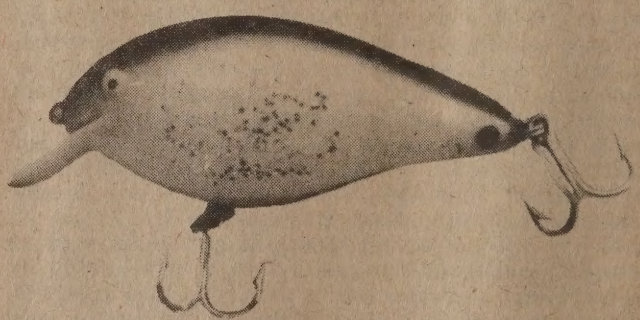

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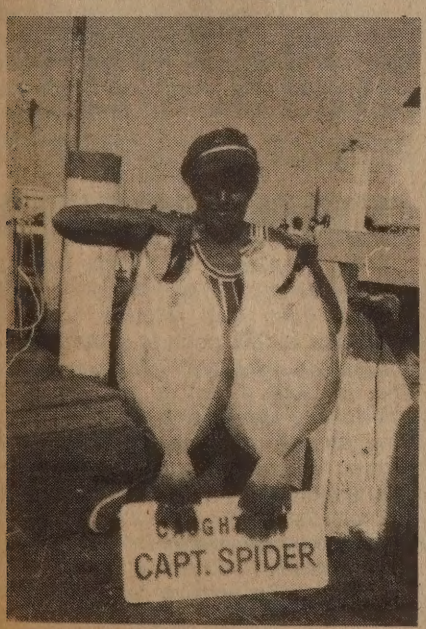
SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

MONTAUK

Captain Ernie Libasci of the **Captain Spider** said that the fluke fishing has been very slow all week on the south side, Midway and North Rips. Schools of bluefish are all over the area and have been spoking the fluke. The fluke that are being taken are large up to 12 pounds.

Captain Paul Sundberg of the charterboat **Montauk** reported excellent shark fishing offshore during the week. On Sunday Bill Griebel took a 512 pound dusky shark. During the week 3 makos up to 160 lbs. were taken on the boat, bringing this seasons mako shark total to 22. One private boat took a 340 lb. mako. Most of the sharks now being taken are makos and duskies.



Millie Gallandak caught these two fluke weighing 11 and 10 lbs. aboard the "Capt. Spider."

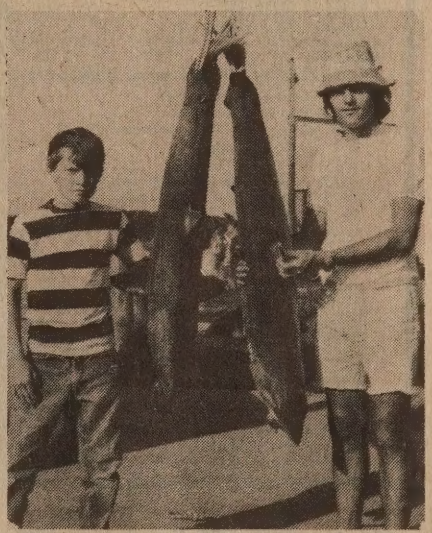
Dave Malave, Vinny Ruffino, Alex Cniehitz and Francisco Boncella with their catch aboard the "Peconic Queen II" out of Montauk. The cod weighed 41, 49, 42, and 44 lbs. respectively.

Captain John Sweetman of the charterboat **Ebbtide** reported excellent offshore fishing. On Friday a 284 lb. swordfish took a whole mackerel in a chum slick for sharks. A mako of 189 lbs. was taken on the same day. On Tuesday a 105 lb. white marlin was boated. Wednesday's score was a 469 lb. dusky, 2 blue sharks and 1 small dusky. Thursday's total was a 392 lb. dusky, a 240 lb. blue and a few smaller blue sharks. The fish are out there and there are signs of fish all over. More marlin are being taken in chum slicks than trolling and a few giant tuna are also coming up the slicks. The best area this week has been the southeast corner of the Butterfish Hole.

Captain George McTurck of the charterboat **Sportsfisherman** said that there are large schools of bluefish working under the birds all over the area, particularly at Great Eastern and the Elbow. Half day trips are averaging 40 big blues, some days more. Umbrella rigs or jigging white bucktails are both producing. Some nice catches of bass were made at the Elbow on Sunday.

Captain Fred Bird of the **Flying Cloud** told us that the porgy fishing remains excellent and shows no sign of letting up. Best areas are Caswells on the ebb tide and at Great Eastern at the beginning of the flood for the larger fish. Nice sea bass and an occasional blackfish are mixed in. Catches range between a half and full bushel per man. The porgies are also getting fatter.

Captain Lester Behan of the **Peconic Queen II** said that the cod fishing was very, very good at the extreme west end of Coxe's Ledge on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. This is only a two and a half ride from the dock and the fish are big. Ed Marino of Montauk took the $342 pool on Saturday with a 52 lb. cod. High Hook on Sunday was 18 fish taken by P. Rippy of the Bronx. The pool fish daily is in the 50 lb. range. Night



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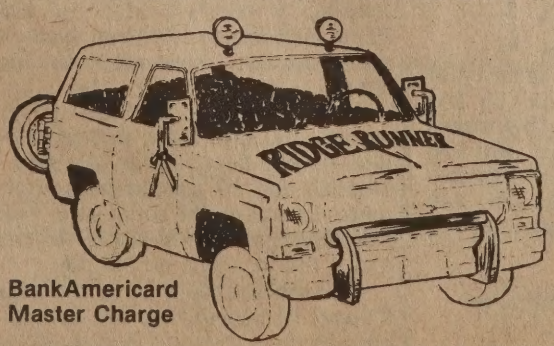

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John Murchison of Highland Falls was high hook aboard the "Marlin III" with 118 porgies. Many of the porgies caught were big humpback.

bluefishing at the West Grounds at Block Island has been great with all aboard catching plenty of fish. The bluefish are big and average 12 to 15 lbs. with the poolfish going 18 to 20. This is bait fishing on the bottom without any chum.

Captain Murray Homelsky of the charterboat **Cherokee** went shark fishing this past Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Getty, daughter Cheryl, and friend John Renzi. John hooked an 11 foot 8 inch blue shark which completely exhausted him in 30 minutes. The captain then fought the fish for a while and the fish was finally landed by Bill Getty. Also during this past week the Captain reported great bluefishing at the Point. There have been millions of birds flying over schools of bluefish all over the area. All that was necessary was to ride from one group of birds to another and troll the fringes.

Henry Colombi of the **Star Island Yacht Club** called to tell us of the excellent offshore scene at Montauk. The boats have been going 180 to 190 degrees from the point to 200 feet of water. The "Colleen" took a 205 lb. blue shark on 20 pound test just missing a worlds record for Mitch Zeltin on Tuesday. On Wednesday the "Naughti Gal" took a 223 lb. mako shark. On Thursday the "Joint Venture" took a 65 pound white marlin, 130 lb. mako, and a 275 lb. blue shark. The "Lillian Q" took 95 bluefish and 10 striped bass trolling umbrella rigs on the south side. Friday the "Culligan" took a 230 lb. mako and a 168 lb. mako on Sunday.

Captain Bud Dorman of the **Viking Skipper III** told us that the fall run of porgies has started. Bud has been fishing at the south side of the North Grounds. One day during the week Leon Washington of New Jersey and William Davis of the Bronx tied for Hi-Hook with 172 fish each. On saturday Moses Robinson of NYC was hi-hook with 196 fish. There were excellent catches on Saturday despite the poor weather and fishing has been the finest kind all week.

Fred Shay at **Freddie's Bait and Tackle** told us that small blues and striped bass are being taken from the beach at Ditch Beach both day and night on poppers and Tins. Bluefish are also taking poppers in front of the lighthouse when the schools of blues come within casting range.

On Friday, Publisher Rich Reina and son Rich Jr. went out with Scott Simons on his Grady White Overnighter and took 24 bluefish 5-8 pounds and one 7 lb. striper on three ounce AVA-27 diamond jigs at Great Eastern and the Submarine Buoy. They also took 36 large sea bass at the Outer Frisbee Grounds.

PROMISED LAND

Art Brand of the **Promised Land Fishing Station** reported very good porgy fishing at the south end of Tobaccolot at Gardiners Island. Jim and Ed Sievers of Brooklyn had one of the best catches of the season despite Saturday's weather when they took over 300 lbs. of porgies. Fish are mixed sizes one half to one and a half pounds and it helps to chum. There is also good fishing close by the station at can three. Small bluefish are still around for the bird chasers.

SAG HARBOR

Helen at **Noyac Marina** told us that some boats are taking 6 to 8 nice weakfish when they hit them right drifting between buoy 16 and the Monastery and off the pink house. Porgies are all over with an occasional fluke and kingfish mixed in.

SHINNECOCK

Micky at **Altenkirch Tackle** told us that on Friday Larry Furman of the private boat Full House took a swordfish of 258 pounds southeast of Shinnecock Inlet in 190 feet of water. The fish took a bait on an outrigger while Larry was baiting a second fish. Bluefish are all over the inlet, the further off you go the larger the fish. The surfcasters hit big bluefish 12 to 15 pounds in the evening at Ditch Plains on pencil poppers. The **Captain Clark Boats** are still doing an excellent job on porgies with a few weakfish mixed in. Blackfish should start to show soon.

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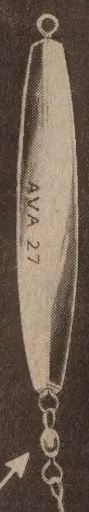

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HAMPTON BAYS

Fran at **Frank's Fishing Station** said that flounder fishing picked up very good at the mouth of Smiths Creek and at buoy 20. The fat flounder are taking blood worms without the aid of chum. Still plenty of fluke and shorts also at buoy 20 and around the inlet. Fish are taking sand eels and squid on any moving tide. Loads of big snappers in the area, some up to a pound.

MORICHES BAY

Ben at **Tadsen's Fishing Station** told us that fluke fishing has been very active all over the bay and in the west cut. Any moving tide, squid and live killies. Snappers are all over the place, but crabs are still a little slow.

On Friday, Chris Steuven Jr. fished with his father out of **Cerullo Bros Fishing Station** and took an 18 pound 2 ounce doormat fluke in the New Cut. On Sunday a 9 pound doormat came in from the same area. It looks like a lot of larger fluke are moving into the area now. Blueclaw crabs good around buoy 27. Plenty of flounders around buoy 29, no chum, bloodworms. Big snappers by the dozen all over.

MASTIC BEACH

Keenan's Fishing Station reports fluking has slowed down with about 5 keepers per boat, with your best crack for them at buoys 26 and 27 with squid and sand eels. Kingfish at buoy 17 along with small blues on squid. Crabs are great, and a lot of blowfish of medium size have been taken in crab traps. Snappers are big and are all over the place and are taking shinners on a bobber and small tins.

WEST SAYVILLE

Vito at **South Bay Fishing Station** reports lots of weakfish at the mouth of Great River (Conequott). This is about 1 mile directly in front of Lasalle Academy. Squid and spearing are doing the job and the weakfish are running up to 5½ pounds. Lots of kings up to 1½ pounds on Lupo shrimp tipped with squid or with squid alone in the same area. Some fluke in this area also, fewer in number, bigger in size. Crabs and snappers in abundance, snappers on Johnson Sprites and the small minnow lure, Klipper.

Young's Fishing Station reports kingfish up to 1½ pounds and good sized weakfish being taken this week o squid, one mile off Brown's River jetty on hi-lo rigs. Also one mile off Davis Park. John Woronowich on Monday morning bagged a load of keeper fluke up to 4 pounds on killies with an incoming tide off Brown's River.

Bob Buttgereit of Carle Place with a 104 lb. white marlin caught on bunker bait while drifting and chumming for shark in 150 ft. of water southeast of Fire Island Inlet. Photo courtesy of Augie's Bait and Tackle.

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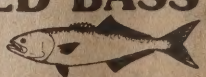

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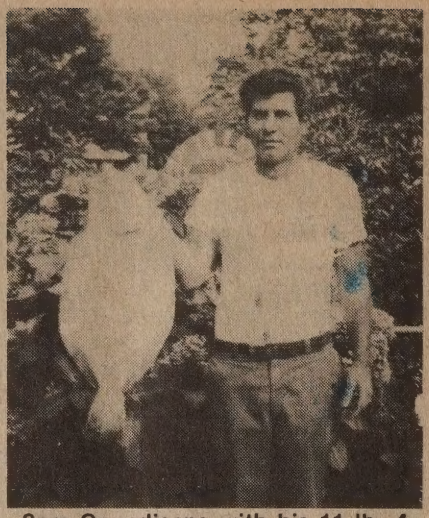
CAPTREE

Captain George Tweedy of the **Captain Scotty** said that the best tuna fishing of the season was during the week while chumming for bluefish. The scores were 78 on Tuesday, 35 on Wednesday and 40 on Thursday. Most of the tuna are in the 20 to 25 pound class with a few around 35 pounds. Best area is 80 to 85 feet of water in the Three Sisters area. Live lining snappers and whole butterfish without a wire leader is the way to go if you want the tuna. Bluefishing has been very good except for Saturday. When the weather is good the fishing is good. On Sunday 200 fish were taken south of the artificial reef in 65 feet of water. The bigger bluefish should start to show again soon.

The **Captain Joseph Fleet** has been taking 4 to 7 lb. bluefish right off the artificial reef both day and night. Every day a few tuna in the 20 to 25 pound class are being taken with the blues and one day during the week 9 of the bluefins were taken. Fluke are good both inside and outside of Fire Island Inlet. The fish are mixed sizes with many 3, 4 and 5 pounders in the catches. Ebb tide is best with a killie and squid combination bait.



Sam Oppedisano with his 11 lb. 4 oz. fluke caught aboard the "Capt. Ben Litwin."

The **Captain Richie** reported great fluking inside Fire Island Inlet and outside for the larger fish when weather permits you to get out. Most of the fish are now keepers and one day 2 nine pounders came over the rail. The fluke are bunching up in the inlet and killie and squid combos produce best during incoming water.

Captain George Roman of the **Captree Queen** said that the fluke fishing has been great all week. Fish are all over the place so there is a lot of action, but there are still a lot of throwbacks. Fluking outside has been a little spotty.

Patti Litwin of the **Captain Ben Litwin** called to tell us that on Thursday 8 year old Craig Johnson of Wantagh took a 14 pound 7 ounce doormat fluke fishing in Fire Island Inlet. Patti also said that there has been pretty good fluke fishing all week long until the poor weather of the weekend.

OAKBEACH

Hays at **The Store** tells of a 14½ pound fluke taken by Warren Leguerie on a live snapper drifted along the bottom at the mouth of Fire Island inlet, incoming water. The fish broke Warren's rod in the process. A few 60 pound tuna are being taken seven to ten miles out on private boats. Fluke have slowed due to the fine weed in the water, so fluke boats are concentrating on the mouth of the inlet where they are also taking weakfish on fluke rigs, tins and bucktails. The area between the lighthouse and the Coast Guard Station is producing 8 pound class weaks, which are wacking whiptails and Tri-Fins. Porgies are being taken at the Rock jetties on blood worm. No flounders as of yet. The mouth of the inlet is really hot now.

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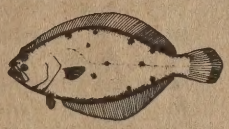

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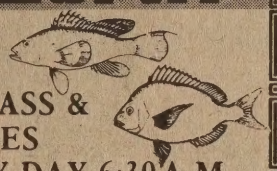

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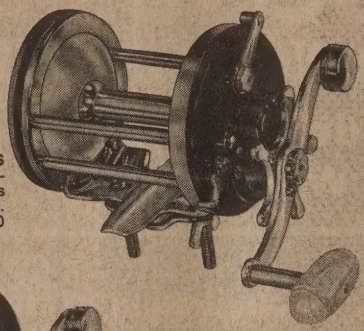

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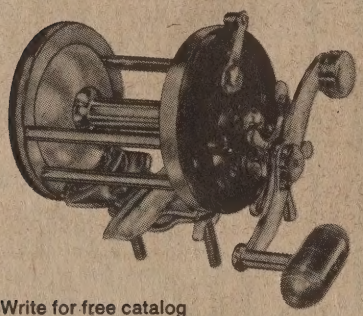

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BABYLON

Bergen Point Fishing Station reports weakfish at the Coast Guard Station on live snappers fished off the bottom on all tides. Fluking is fair all over the bay with more keepers now than ever. A few fluke off the dock as well, and lots of big snappers. Crabs are holding their own.

Babylon Fishing Station tells of weakfish in the East-West Channel and the hole in front of the lighthouse, on squid, shrimp, shrimp jigs tipped with squid for fish up to 10 pounds, all tides. Keeper fluke maybe hunted in Snake Hill Channel, at the Coast Guard Station, and from the inlet to the lighthouse and outside in the Pound Net areas. Blowfish are being taken by hook and line fishermen, up to medium size. A lot of the small sea bass are around West Island and the lighthouse. Plenty of crabs and snappers all over the place. Try a live snapper several feet off the bottom on a long leader for weaks.

Mario at **Hi-Hook Fishing Station** tells of loads of snappers and blue claw crabs all over the area. Good fluking at the inshore artificial reef, along with blowfish which have been taken in crab traps at the reef. These blowfish are welcomed back and happily are of medium size. For fluke, try Dickersons, Snake Hill Channel, the artificial reef and the red buoy area, also off the Babylon Yacht Club with squid and sand eels on all tides. No blacks yet.

LINDENHURST

John at **Charlies Bait and Tackle** reports that tuna and blues are being taken in 40 feet of water around the area of the nets. Big weakfish to 12 pounds at the Sore Thumb and the hole in front of the lighthouse on inside on live snappers. Fluke is slowing down a bit but there are still doormats around. Try the East Bar on both tides with the top being best. Try it with a live snapper. Snappers and blue claws are in abundance.

AMITYVILLE

Jonas Bait and Tackle tells us that on Sunday he weighed in an 11½ pound weak, an 11¼ pound and a 7 lb. 14 oz. weakfish for Dave Kemter, Lou Clement and Tom Mulligan, which they took off the lighthouse with live snappers fished with a long leader off the bottom. Joe Diaz nailed a 7¾ pound fluke on a live snapper in Jones Inlet. Big weaks are at the Sore Thumb and are being taken also on live snappers. One lucky angler took a 25 pound striped bass on a live

Stella Kolodinski with her 13 lb. fluke she caught aboard the "Capt. Lou" at the Poop Deck Dock. Photo courtesy of Poop Deck Restaurant and Dock.

snapper fished on the bottom while drifting. Live snappers have really taken the spotlight. Kismet Reef has been producing all week long with fluke three to nine pounds on live snappers or on sand eels. 8 kingfish and 24 blows were taken by one angler off Copaigue Beach using clam and sand worms. At the lighthouse on the inside, Rebels and popping plugs have been accounting for blues 1-4 pounds. Watch for the birds. Democratic Point and the Sore Thumb, same thing. Snappers and crabs, mucho, mucho.

George Combs Bait and Tackle reports that Saturday saw very good tuna fishing at the Three Sisters, fish 20 to 40 pounds on spearing chum and whole butterfish on the hook, with a must being a 50 pound mono leader. Cholera-Three Sisters has been very good for blues and tuna with spearing chum a crucial factor. Blues are being trolled on Sekora rigs south of Fire Island Inlet in 70-90 feet of water. At the lighthouse, fluke and weaks are falling to killies and sand eels. Excellent snapper and crab action all over the bay and creek areas. Zachs Bay is producing progies and kingfish on sand worm and squid, with weaks and fluke at the west entrance to Zachs Bay west to the third Wantagh on squid, killies and sand eels fished on hi-lo rigs. Also in this area blues up to three pounds are being chummed and trolled.

SEAFORD

Captain Eddie's Fishing Station tells us that snappers are here by the ton and are hitting on everything, all baits and all small lures and now must really be classified as snapper blues.

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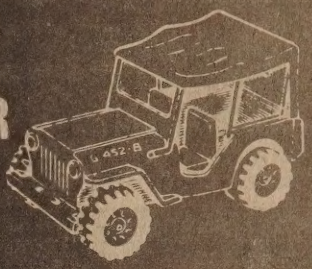

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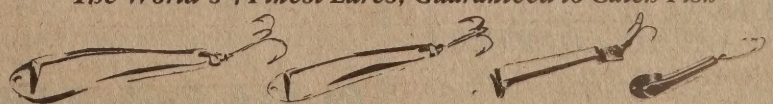

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Fluking is fair for larger fish at Four Corners, with blacks and sea bass starting at the bridges on clam. Try weaks at the bridges on slack tides and at Four Corners on lures and on squid on a hi-lo rig.

Pop's Fishing Station reports fluke at the Four Corners and in Sloop Channel in the State Channel on killies and squid. Some flounder are starting to be picked in deeper holes by some sharpshooters on blood worms. Some blacks at the bridge along with a few sea bass. Snappers and crabs, etc.

MERRICK

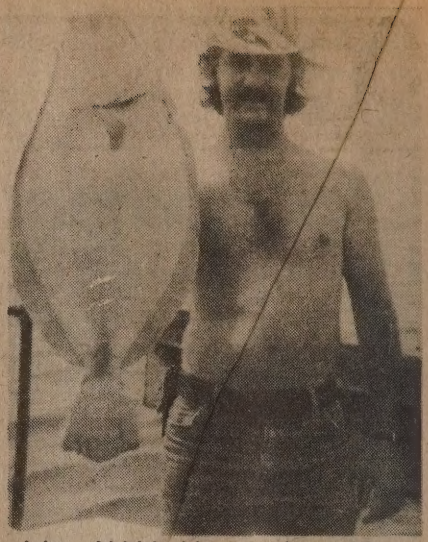
Jimmy at **Nicks Fishing Station** reports good fluking in Neds Creek, Broad Creek, Swift Creek, and Jones Inlet. The Broad Creek flats are producing very well also. For larger fish, try trolling against an incoming tide, particularly in the small channels out to the inlet. Jimmy advises trying the Jones Beach barges for mixed bags of weakfish and striped bass, as he has been getting a lot of readings there. Tuna are being taken sixty feet of water out of the inlet. Loads of snappers around, with sea bass and porgies showing at the bridges.

N.Y. BIGHT Fishing Report

FREEPORT

Billy Lindroth of the **Captain Al** reports very good bluefishing for most at Cholera, with a healthy lacing of bonita and tuna taken too. Sunday was tougher, due to the choppy seas, but the pick was steady. 15 choppers was hi-hook on Sunday, fish 5-10 lbs. Night trips are equally productive. All week, hi hooks have been 10-20 blues. Lots of action.

Captain Richie on the **Starstream II** reports that the bluefishing is very good, with a lot of tuna action Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday along with the blues. 40 tuna were boated Tuesday and Wednesday, and 25 on Thursday along with blues and albacore. The tuna were from the top down to 10 feet and the blues were 50 to 60 feet. Night trips take only blues (only ?) and good weather makes for full bags. Lots of fast and thrilling action, as these tuna are 25-35 lbs. and do give the average angler a chance at tuna in a size he can manage.



John Abbiticchio of the "Miss Freeport" holding Jim Gould's fluke which weighed 10 lbs. 12 oz. Subscriber Club Photo.

Captain John of **Aloma** says lots of sea bass to 3 pounds are around. He is also picking a few fluke, while porgies are falling off, at the local wrecks! John's fares are averaging 25 sea bass a man, which "ain't hay." Also, an occasional blue takes the clam bait. The **Aloma II** is doing good on fluke, with 103 keepers on Saturday. Wea-

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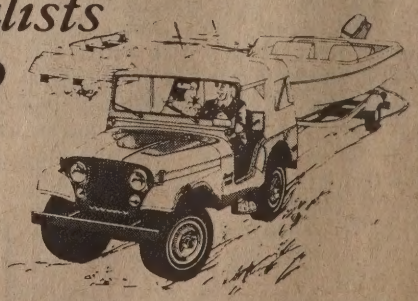

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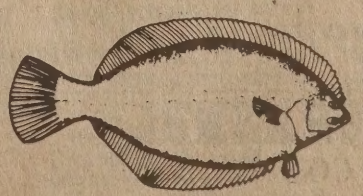
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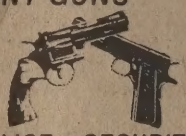

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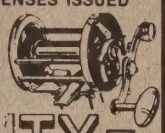

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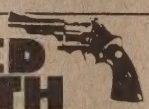

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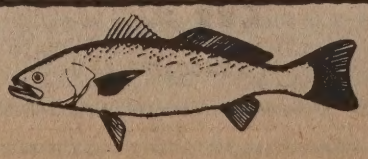

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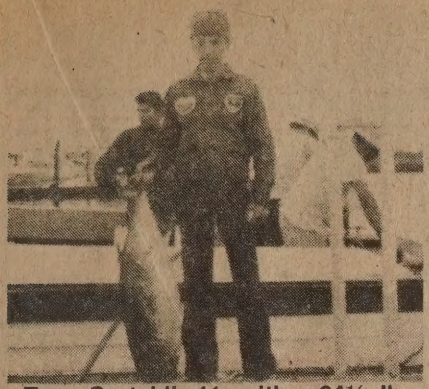

Tony Castaldi, 11, with a 24½ lb. tuna. Photo courtesy of Mako Marina.

ther, particularly a ripping tide of high winds make the proper drift difficult. There were schools of 25 to 30 lb. tuna on top for a few days, but they were very fussy on what they ate.

Captain Johnny A's **Miss Freeport** took a 12 lb. 4 oz. fluke for Tom Morano of Flushing this week. John is still doing well with the flatties outside on the local wrecks. Sunday was off some due to the winds.

Captain Lou II continues to deplete the local fluke population, according to the **Poop Deck Dock.**

Captain Dick Hall of the **Captain Hall** bailed 11 tuna Wednesday, along with 101 blues for 21 fares. On Tuesday, it was a tuna and a load of choppers, all at Three Sisters. Things took a slight decline Friday, Saturday and Sunday due to the weather.

Anthony's Fishing Station reports good fluking in Reynolds Channel and Funday Creek and the areas around the bridges. The pool for August on fluke was split between Morty Albin and Tony Gullo. Both had fish weighing four pounds 13 ounces. They split the $80 pool. Fluke are bigger now and a drift close to the bridges should get you some sea bass. Loads of snappers around and try using them live as fluke baits. Lots of action.

Mako Marina reports that John Woolney on the Irish II took 54 fluke, the smallest being 3¾ pounds on squid and spearing, 160 degrees out of the inlet in 60 feet of water. This is a rocky area about 2 square blocks in size, and 6 to 7 fish per drift were taken by John and 3 buddies. Don Wright of Atlantic Anglers had 3 bass, 16, 23 and 32 pounds plus an 8 pound weak and a 4 pound 2 ounce fluke all at the East bar of Jones Inlet on Danny trolling plugs.

Bruno at **Hudson Point Marina** says the bluefish moved in heavy on Sunday and swarmed in the inlet and at the Meadowbrook bridge. Those present did well on them on plugs and tins. Snapper blues seem to be all over the place and are pounching on Johnson Sprites and the minnow Klipper. Bass are being plugged at the rocks at night along the Meadowbrook bridge in the 20 pound class. Not much has been done over the weekend due to weather.

The **Freeport's Boatman's Assoc** reports bluefishing slow over the weekend but okay in the Cholera area along with a lot of tuna. On Sunday, the bluefin had 20 keeper fluke and 100 sea bass for a small charter, with a 4 pound fluke taking the pool for young angler Sean Medina. On Wednesday, a banner day for all the boats, the **Norsman** bagged 100 blues and 14 tuna up to 42 pounds. The weekdays were all very good. The Association has many weekday tuna charters open which is an opportunity for some real dynamite fishing.

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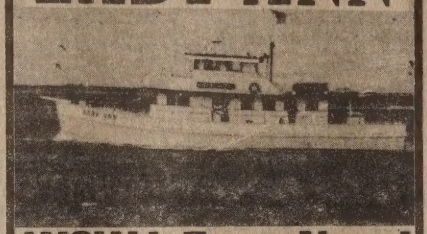

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Angler II has been bailing good sized choppers at the Cholera along with tuna, all week long. Plainview's attorney Howard Terry and family hauled 3 burly bags full off the boat. Days and nights are about equally good.

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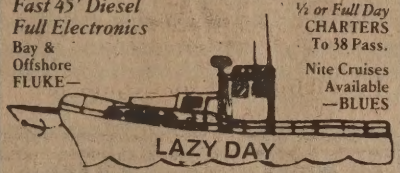

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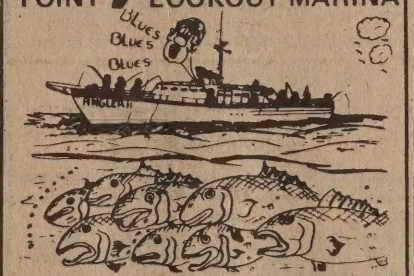

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LONG BEACH

Long Beach Sports Marina reports good general fishing throughout the area. Jon Stein on Saturday took a 20 lb. tuna on six pound line within sight of the Atlantic Beach Hotel. He used a Tony Acetta Pet spoon to battle this fish to the boat in an hour and a half. Don Slover took fluke from 6 to 9 pounds using live snappers at buoy 3. The weakfish are taking Lupo shrimp in the channel.

At buoy 1, Pete Demakis of Baldwin took an 8¾ pound doormat fluke using a live snapper.

Captain John of the **Skipper** reports doing good all week on 10 to 15 lb. blues off Seabright (except for Sunday) for his charters.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Hennings Fishing Station has several potential world record fish taken. Tony Seniscalchi of Valley Stream took a 21 pound 13 ounce bluefin tuna and Harry Ross of Westbury took a 22 pound 14 ounce bluefin tuna. Both of these were taken on 12 pound test line. The current record for this weight

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line is 13 pounds. Chris Vitucci of Brooklyn is a good bet for the now open 30 pound class line. He took a 24 pound 7 ounce bluefin tuna on tournament 30 pound line. All these fish were taken in the general area of the Three Sisters wreck. This area is holding loads of tuna and blues. Inshore Dominick and Charlie Pace, father and son, drifted the channel from the Atlantic Beach Bridge to the Cedarhurst Yacht club. They were using sand eels and squid and had 12 keepers to 6 lbs. and one weakfish. Leon says although there are many throwbacks, there are also many nice keepers if you have the patience to fish the area. Live snappers are also a sure bet for big fluke.

JAMAICA BAY

John Brando of the **Crossbay Rod and Gun** says that the snapper fishing is very good. They are throughout most of the bay and around the bridges. Weaks are pretty good in the Pumpkin Patch around Canarsie and Floyd Bennet Field. 7 to 8 lb. weaks are taking worms and squid as well as the salty dogs. The North Channel bridge has loads of snapper blues one and one half to 2 pounds taking mackerel or bunker chunks. Crab fishing is fair at present. Porgy fishing is picking up along Beach Channel Drive.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Joe at **Stella Maris** says the blues and tuna are offshore of Seabright while inshore the blues are more prevailant. Plenty of snappers and porgies in the bay area. Riis Park, Norton's Point and the black side of Ambrose has plenty of fluke. Joe said no specific one bait as the fish are taking everything.

Blues and tuna at the BA buoy and tuna off Seabright, so says Freddie at **Mike's Tackle**. Fluke are at the Highlands, the Cedars, and in the Ambrose Channel. Fred says that although they are taking cut bait and all other bait it is best to fish early in the morning. The artificial reef off Coney Island holds a large concentration of porgies. The striped bass have died. Enough said. Big bonita were jumping in the bay over the weekend but none were caught.

Captain Butcher on the open boat **New Zephyr** reports he is doing a leap job on big fat porgies to 1½ lbs. on the East and West reefs, local jetties and wrecks. Great action and full bags. Seabass and blacks are mixed in, some blacks to 6 and 8 pounds, also on the clam. A few fluke in too, along with a 4 lb. trigger fish.

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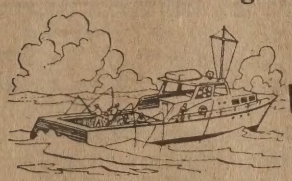

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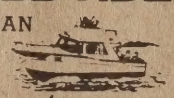

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fluke which was weighed in at **Mike's Tackle Shop**, right across the street. Jim is presently getting fares for fluke, porgies and seabass, and he says the seabass and porgy catches are terriffic, while the fluking is slowed a little, but is expected to improve with weather. He's working the channel, nearby dredged holes and the Tin Can. "All yoiu want," says the Captain, seabass to 2½ pounds. A 6 year old took Sunday's pool with a 2½ pound porgy Sunday.

The **Amberjack II** Captain Jim tells us he's doing a job on blues both day and night at Shrewsberry, with the choppers going up to 17 lbs. "Gorillas." Fish were 3-5 pounds on Sunday. Been excellent all week including the weekend, day and night, with nites a bit better. A 40 lb. tuna was landed on Friday nite's trip. Jim attributes a large part of his boats steady bailing of fish to the anchovies he's got for bait.

Captain Mike of the **Ranger V** happily reports the blues have settled in and his big all aluminum **Ranger V** is bailing 'em both days and night trips along with tuna up to 30 pounds and albacore at Seabright "Excellent fishing" is how Capt. Mike put it. And big fish, too! A little better at night, fellas. Tuna, anyone?? Nights are best at 17 Fathoms. Mixed blues, 2-16 lbs.

Capt. Huck's fast new, aluminum

Three members of the Double T Fishing Club of Elmont with a catch of 31 keeper fluke aboard the "Commodore" out of Island Park, ranging from 1½ to 10 lbs. 1 oz. Steve Kearney caught the doormat which weighed 10 lbs. 1 oz. Others in the party are R. Kearney, P. Boehling and A. DiPiero.

Helen H is working Seabright and loading up on the choppers on both day and night runs.

The **Big Mohwak II** on Saturday had on AT and T Long Lines charter out for blues at Seabright and along with 70 blues in the group, angler Joe Sefcik landed a 28 lb. tuna. Blues were 12-16 lbs. The group hooked 5 other tuna, but none were boated. Captain Tony still has some nite fishing charters open for September.

Captain Harold Wrege of the **Chief**, the areas only 10 A.M. open boat, continues to keep the customers happy with good fluking daily, and very good bluefishing on Friday and Saturday nites, off Seabright.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny at **Santos Sport Shop** said the fishing report was a repeat of last week but it pays to go over it again because it is better. Penny's Beach still has striped bass being taken on worms. Fort Wadsworth to Tottenville has an increase in porgy fishing. The Berger Avenue storm sewers as well as others are doing very well on night bluefishing. Snappers have taken a up turn especially at the mouth of Lemon Creek. All these forgoing fish can be taken from the beaches. The boat fishermen can still do well at the 21 can to Hoffman Island hunting for weaks on hi-hook sand worms or bingle bananas. Weaks are also hitting the same lures and bait in the Chapel Hill area.

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NORTH SHORE Fishing Report

GREENPORT

The Gut, the Race and Pigeons Rip all have pretty good bluefishing, said Art White, but the best is still to come. Trolling and jigging with yellow bucktails. Some striped bass are still in the Gut being taken on White Bucktails but not enough to satisify the meat fisherman. Tremendous porgy fishing being done on the east side of Gardiners Island by the **Willheric**. Greenport Harbor has a fair amount of weakfish being taken on worms while the jetty has porgies. Tremendous snapper fishing along most of the docks and other areas with some tinker mackerel mixed in. Blacks are making an up surge in the Sound to Orient Point. Sand worms and crabs are the best baits.

SOUTHOLD

Port of Egypt says that porgy fishing is still generally good. Buoy 17, Paradise Point, South Ferry are all good areas. Weakfishing seems to be picking up at Conklins Point using squid. South and Greenport Ferry areas both have blackfish taking worms while porgy fishing. You can also use fiddlers to catch these blacks. A few stray kingfish make their appearance while porgy fishing. Most docks have snappers in abundance.

NEW SUFFOLK

Phil at **Captain Marty's Fishing Station** said the weather over the weekend kept most of the boats close by. Nassau Point was the scene of most of the action where quite a few weaks and numerous porgies were taken. Snappers are sometimes too numerous to mention and are of sizes up to 10 inches. Believe it or not, Phil's wife is making him fillet the snappers. Lots of luck Phil!

Raymond Rubio and Nick Lekkas both of Greenport with 20 weaks caught at Louie's Bathing aBeach with an 8 lb. 3 oz. weak being the largest. Photo courtesy of Port of Egypt.

JAMESPORT

Warren's Tackle Shop in Aquebogue said the Rose Grove area and Robbins Island both are doing well for porgy and weak fisherman. They are using squid and sand worms. As usual loads of snappers all over the area. The Long Island Sound is still a good bet for bluefish up to 8 and 10 pounds using bunker chunks.

MT. SINAI HARBOR

Pretty good bluefishing said **Dick's Sporting Goods** for the trollers working the hole outside of the harbor. Further out by the Lobster Pots is also another good area. The trollers are using single tubes on wire line. The surfcasters are getting in some pretty good licks too. Baitfishing with bunker mackerel or snappers do a much better job than plugging. Porgies remain good while the blackfish are starting to show. Oodles of snappers in the harbor and tinker mackerel along with them.

PORT JEFFERSON

Caraftis Fishing Station reports very good fishing in the harbor for porgies, weaks and snappers. Drifting along the east side of the harbor with worms or squid will get you a fair amount of weakfish. Early morning baitfishing for blues have brought in choppers to 12 pounds. These blues have also shown on top early in the morning and at dusk and willingly take plugs. Although the striped bass fishing has been quiet some schoolies were taken on worms while driftin in Conscience Bay. On the east side of the inlet and the west side of the harbor, fluke may be picked up while drifting with squid. On the outside blues are being trolled from Crane's Neck to Buoy 11 on single tubes. These fish are generally over 4 lbs.

NORTHPORT

Bowmans Tackle said the blues could be better but they are available at 11B in the 5 to 8 pound range on either bunker or trolling very deep

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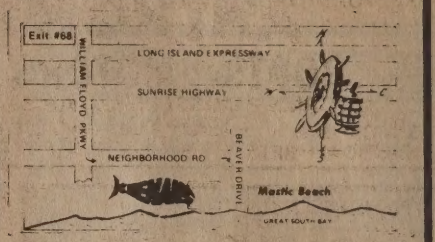

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with umbrella rigs and bucktails. Thursday saw the fish on top at Cold Spring Harbor, and Friday they did the same at Centerport. At both places they readily hit plugs but you must be where the action is at that particular moment. The docks have snappers that are now about 10 inches long. The harbor has porgies on the bottom most anywhere. Blackfish are on the up-swing and worth fishing for in most of the rocky areas in the Sound particularly Makamah Beach. Worms are best and also green crabs. So far there has been very little work on striped bass.

Jr. LIF staff member, Louis Zarrella again showed his prowess. While at the Coast Guard Auxiliary picnic for Flotilla 22-2, he cast from the dock with a small single hook diamond jig. In a half hour he had about 20 snappers some of which were put on the grill.

Flotilla 22-2 member Bob VanDeusen has had good luck for blues in the area of 11, 13 and the Fairway buoys. He used bunker and fresh tinker

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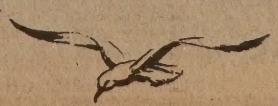

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CWO Chuck Lacey, commander at Eaton's Neck Coast Guard Station has been trolling the Rips off Eatons Neck and along Asharoken Beach. Good numbers of 8 to 10 pound blues with an occasional five to eight pound striped bass have been taken fairly regularly.

HUNTINGTON

George Valentine of the **Four Winds Tackle Shop** said the boats fought the wind and the swells between buoys 11B and 13 to get their bluefish. Loads of bunker chum and butterfish or bunker chunks got fish from 4 to 12 pounds. Wire trolling with tubes and umbrella rigs is also productive in the same area and due north of Marshall Field. There seems to be several different schools of bluefish. Big porgies from 1 to 3 pounds have been taken near buoy 13 off Eatons Neck. Buoy 11B, Sand City and Target Rock were all good spots this weekend for the up and coming blackfish. Worms are best and fiddlers take their share. Sand City and Centerport are two of the hottest spots for the big snappers which are all over.

Captain Don of the **Ever Ready Fleet** called to say that porgy and bluefishing is excellent and that all of his programs are returning with good catches. His $100 pool starts this week Don Also told us that Captain Bob Frank is joining forces with him and along with information furnished by Captain Pete Novilino, the fall programs should be spectacular.

PORT WASHINGTON

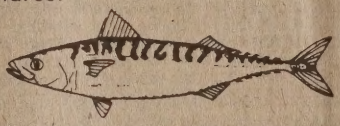
Moreland's Bait and Tackle reports excellent bluefishing off the docks. Some fish to 16 pounds have been taken on plugs or bunker chunks. Weakfish are still around and have been taken on worms. Snappers are at most of the docks and readily available. Although the striped bass fishing is very spotty, using worms at most of the rocky shores will produce some 4 to 5 pound bass if the snappers don't eat all of the bait.

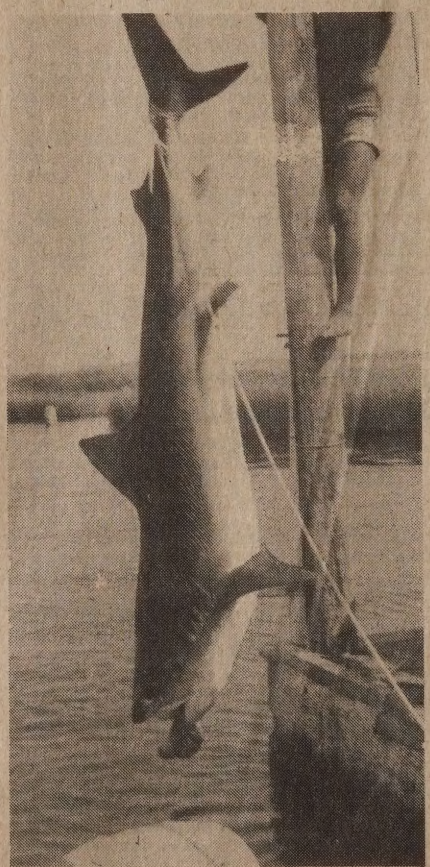
BAYVILLE

Pump's Park Fishing Station said the porgies are at Center Island Reef and off the Hospital. A few blues have been on and off at the reef but the best fishing for them is off the Hospital using umbrella rigs and bunker. Trolling is best done in the early morning and you can continue during the day with bunker. Porgy fishing seems to be an all day proposition using worms.

CITY ISLAND

Jacks Bait and Tackle said the blues have tapered off around City Island. Stepping Stones, Little Neck Bay and Throggs Neck are all pretty good for bluefishing. They are trolling tubes or fishing with cut bunker or mackerel. There are lots of porgies around at most of the usual spots which include Harts Island, Excution Rocks, Sands Point, Gangway Rocks and the CBS Tower. These fish are all nice size. Blacks are showing up in increasing numbers and at present are taking fiddler crabs. Worm drifting at Harts Island has produced striped bass of 12 to 16 pounds. Some fishermen have been having good success casting the Rebel Spilt Tail as well as trolling this same lure. Snappers continue to offer the young fisherman as well as any other one plenty of sport as they are numerous and vigerously hitting baits and lures.





This 414 lb. tiger shark was caught by Patrick Mulcaly, age 14. It took 1 hour, 5 minutes to bring the shark in. Four other sharks were also boated that day at 155 degrees 35 miles off Fire Island. Subscriber Club Photo.

Terry Rienzie of Plainview bringing in one of many bluefish in the 5 to 10 lb. range aboard the "Lucky Strike III."

CONNECTICUT SCENE

Snapper blues are everywhere. Porgy fishing is excellent and continues at a fast pace in all areas, with some fishermen catching up to 90 a day. A few bass are hitting trolled sand worms at night around the islands. Blackfish are starting to show in increased numbers. Blues are hitting the beaches and harbor areas around Greenwich, Stanford and Norwalk. Weakfish are showing at the Norwalk islands taking sand worms.

GROTON

"Bluefishing at the Race is fantastic," according to Captain George Glas of the **Hel-Cat**. The fish are averaging 10 to 12 pounds and the pool fish daily is 14 to 16½ pounds. A few more bonus striped bass are being mixed in with the bluefish catches.

NEW JERSEY Fishing Report

Sandy Hook Bay continues to produce good catches of weakfish to 8 pounds at Chapel Hill Channel and the Verrazano Bridge and Shrewsbury River mostly on worms. Snappers are plentiful in the rivers and along the surf. Bluefishing has picked up at the Shrewsbury Rocks with catches to 15 pounds reported. Fluke action is still good in the bay. The jetties are giving up a few bass to 20 pounds on plugs, worms and rigged eels.

TIDE TABLES

ON →		SANDY HOOK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT	
DAY		AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
9/4	THURSDAY	7:08	7:27	8:31	8:54	10:32	10:56	10:34	10:56
9/5	FRIDAY	7:58	8:16	9:20	9:45	11:24	11:47	11:23	11:45
9/6	SATURDAY	8:45	9:04	10:09	10:34	—	12:11	—	12:10
9/7	SUNDAY	9:33	9:53	10:58	11:26	12:37	1:00	12:34	12:58
9/8	MONDAY	10:23	10:44	11:49	—	1:26	1:49	1:23	1:47
9/9	TUESDAY	11:16	11:37	12:18	12:43	2:19	2:40	2:14	2:37
9/10	WEDNESDAY	—	12:11	1:15	1:40	3:14	3:36	3:07	3:32
9/11	THURSDAY	12:33	1:06	2:16	2:41	4:18	4:45	4:05	4:28

SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Potunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Inlet & Dem. Pt.	−0 38
Coast Giard Sta.	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Loop Pkwy. Bridge	+0 25
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 00
Beach Ch. (Bridge)	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26
STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
MANASQUAN	−0 12

WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28

NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Connecticut River	+1 10
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	−0 14
Fort Pond Bay	−0 29
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point	−1 13

BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	−0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	−0 08
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and/or minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet −0 50" is listed under "on Sandy Hook". − 0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

The Original Knight

SOLUNAR TABLES

When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good territory, hunting good cover during these times if you wish to find the best sport that each has to offer. The tables are not a guarantee that you will catch fish or see game during the period, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter, and are in black face type. The minor periods are somewhat shorter in duration.

	A.M.		P.M.	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
9/4	3:30	**10:10**	4:10	**10:40**
9/5	4:40	**11:05**	4:55	**11:30**
9/6	5:15	**:**	5:45	**12:05**
9/7	6:15	**12:30**	6:40	**1:05**
9/8	7:20	**1:35**	7:45	**2:00**
9/9	8:20	**2:30**	8:45	**3:05**
9/10	9:15	**3:25**	9:40	**3:55**
9/11	10:20	**4:30**	10:35	**5:00**

PHASES OF THE MOON

9-5	9-12	9-20	9-28
NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.

SUNRISE/SUNSET

9-6	6:31	7:25
9-12	6:37	7:16
9-18	6:43	7:06
9-24	6:48	6:54

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#2 Carl Fusaro, 52.1 lbs., Huntington
#3 Buddy Holmes, 51.10 lbs., Merrick Marine

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